

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Project Management

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QUESTION No.: AI-106

1. Have there been any major projects or programs embarked upon recently by your agency or where your agency has participated, where there was not a form of cost benefit analysis or business case before the project commenced? If so, please advise why this didn't occur.
2. What has been the experience of your agency with gateway review processes? Have you found the costs of those processes proportionate to the benefits?
3. Do you have any major projects or programs where there have been major shortfalls against performance indicators? If so, please advise of those areas of shortfall.
4. Has there been any expenditure during the last parliament on initiatives that were either abandoned or put on hold?

ANSWER

1. The Department continues to respond to the priorities of the government, which involves the delivery of major programmes and projects on an ongoing basis. To provide the level of detail requested would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. There have been some projects sent through the gateway process which has provided an independent assurance mechanism.
3. Refer to the response to question 1.
4. Refer to the response to question 1.