Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Future Fund Management Agency

Outcome/Program: Outcome 1 **Topic:** Selldown of Telstra shares

Senator: Cormann

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Question:

What was the total cost of planning and executing that selldown?

Answer:

Management of the Telstra holding, including all fee negotiations, was conducted rigorously and in accordance with the Board's obligation to seek to maximise net returns with acceptable risk and its strategy of rebalancing the portfolio and reducing the Telstra holding in an orderly manner over the medium term.

The Future Fund's 2009/10 and 2010/11 annual reports show the cost associated with the Telstra holding over those two years, during which the selldown and rebalancing strategy was substantially completed, was \$33.9 million or approximately 0.4% of the total value of the Telstra shares transferred to the Fund.