

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ROLE OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL IN
SCRUTINISING GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING (OCTOBER 2009)
Australian National Audit Office

Topic: Resource usage

Member: Mrs Bishop

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Date set by the committee for the return of answer:

Question:

Mrs Bishop asked:

“Mr McPhee, through the process since it has been in operation and you have become a sign-off person,

- (i) how many hours of the Auditor-General’s Office have been required to do this task to date; and
- (ii) how many full-time equivalents are required to do the work.
- (iii) Also, could you put a cost on what percentage of your budget you spent on doing this work?”

Answer:

- (i) In 2008-09, some 7,728 hours were taken up by the conduct of reviews of Government advertising campaigns and associated activities. This work was not evenly distributed over the course of the year – 39 reports were completed in the period January to June 2009, compared to 19 in the period July to December 2008.
- (ii) Over the course of a year, 7,728 hours equates to 4.8 full time equivalent employees.
- (iii) In 2008-09, the ANAO’s revenue from Government was \$63.737 million (see note 3a of the ANAO’s 2008-09 Financial Statements at page 109 of the ANAO 2008-09 Annual Report). The cost to the ANAO of conducting reviews and associated activities over the 2008-09 financial year was \$0.762 million, or 1.2% of the ANAO’s total revenue from Government. The ANAO was provided with funding of \$608 000 to undertake the reviews.