

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** Farrell, Don

**Question:**

Senator FARRELL: That is right—there did not appear to be any revenue measures relating to the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, so we assume that they were not charged for, but they are going to be charged for this time?

Mr Bowles: I cannot comment on 2006, but it is not unusual practice to do revenue collections based on cost recovery arrangements for a range of those services.

Senator FARRELL: So you think that they may in fact have been done in 2006?

Mr Bowles: I do not know, but it is not unusual to do cost recovery for large-scale exercises. It happened, I am pretty sure, in a number of the other major sporting events that we have dealt with in the past, from memory.

Mr Smith: We would want to take specifics of that on notice in relation to previous sporting events.

Senator FARRELL: Will you?

Mr Bowles: Yes.

Senator FARRELL: Could you give us a bit of a comparison between this and the last one?

Mr Smith: Yes, we can have a look at that.

**Answer:**

Some Australian Government agencies charge for the provision of certain services to external entities. Consistent with its policy for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games (M2006) and the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, the Australian Government is applying a cost recovery approach to the provision of particular services for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, including radiocommunication and spectrum management services, background security checking and anti-doping services. Cost recovery arrangements are currently being negotiated between the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation, the Queensland Government and the relevant Australian Government agencies providing these services.

In the case of M2006, a total of \$3.5 million was provided to the Victorian Government to assist in the purchase of cost recovered services, including communications and broadcasting services, anti-doping programs, weather forecasting services, national criminal history record checks and pre-clearance of team medical kits.