

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Programme: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: Emissions Reductions Fund – Regulation 10 FMA
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Senator Urquart asked:

On 26 May the Department referred to Regulation 10 of the FMA when asked for an explanation of the interpretation of the FMA in regard to the treatment of the 2.55 billion for the ERF.

1. Can the Department (with the assistance of Finance if required) explain its interpretation of those rules?

Answer:

1. The Department's position in relation to the ERF relies on directions within The *Financial Management and Accountability (Finance Minister to Chief Executives) Delegation 2013* as set out in Schedule 2, Part 1:

1.6 Arrangements in accordance with a decision of Cabinet, the National Security Committee of Cabinet or the Prime Minister

- (1) The delegate may agree to expenditure that might become payable under an arrangement for which there is insufficient appropriation if the arrangement has been explicitly agreed in a decision of:
 - (a) Cabinet; or
 - (b) the National Security Committee of Cabinet or its successor; or
 - (c) the Prime Minister.