

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

**Question: AET 1872-1875**

**Topic: Project Management (ABS)**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

- 1872. 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.
- 1873. What has been the experience of your agency with gateway review processes? Have you found the costs of those processes proportionate to the benefits?
- 1874. 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.
- 1875. Has there been any expenditure during the last parliament on initiatives that were either abandoned or put on hold?

**Answer:**

- 1872. No.
- 1873. For the 2013-14 Budget the ABS submitted a First Pass Business Case and participated in gateway reviews for Gate 0 and Gate 1. The ABS found that the cost of the process was proportionate to the benefits.
- 1874. No, we do not have any major projects or programmes where there have been major shortfalls against performance indicators.
- 1875. No, we have not had any expenditure on new initiatives during the term of the last Parliament where that new initiative has been abandoned or put on hold.