

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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29 May – 31 May 2012

Question: BET 587-593

Topic: Government Advertising (PC)

Hansard Page: Written (Received from Committee 13 June 2012)

Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 587. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?
- 588. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program, what the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.
- 589. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
- 590. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
- 591. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.
- 592. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.
- 593. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?

Answer:

- 587. The total cost of all advertising for the financial year to 31 May 2012 is \$101,998-91. (ex-GST).
- 588. The Commission does not undertake 'advertising campaigns'. The Commission advertises its government-commissioned inquiries and studies so that any individual, firm or organisation with an interest has an opportunity to present their views. The Commission also undertakes advertising for recruitment purposes. To attempt to provide a greater level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
- 589. No.
- 590. No.
- 591. Not applicable.

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592. Not applicable.
593. The Commission will continue to advertise inquiries and studies when they are commissioned by Government. Recruitment advertising will be undertaken as required.