

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

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**Department/Agency: AOFM**

**Question: SBT 179-182**

**Topic: Departmental Rebranding**

**Reference: written - 30 October 2015**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

179. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since the leadership change in September, 2015? If so:
- a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?
    - i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.
  - b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:
    - i. Signage.
    - ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).
    - iii. Logos
    - iv. Consultancy
    - v. Any relevant IT changes.
    - vi. Office reconfiguration.
  - c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?
    - i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.
180. Following the changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?
181. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?
182. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?

**Answer:**

179. No
180. Shared accommodation and IT services with the Department of Treasury.
181. IT services, no plans to cease.

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182. The departmental cost to the AOFM for items which have since been moved to shared services were projected to be \$439,000 in 2015-16 (including remuneration costs).

The departmental costs to the AOFM for shared services in 2015-16 are projected to be \$209,000.

The net saving in departmental costs for the AOFM is projected at \$230,000 for 2015-16.