

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** For Australian Hearing Services, Defence Housing Australia and the Royal Australian Mint—not the ASIC registry—are the dividends that have been paid to government over the last five years available?

**Mr Tune:** Sorry?

**Senator LUDWIG:** What dividends, if any, have been paid by those three? The registry would not pay a dividend, but I might deal with that separately.

**Senator Cormann:** We might take that on notice.

**Answer:**

Yes in part.

In the past five financial years Defence Housing Australia has paid the following dividends:

2012-13: \$49.7m

2011-12: \$52.4m

2010-11: \$52.7m

2009-10: \$47.3m

2008-09: \$44.3m

In the past five financial years Australian Hearing Services (Australian Hearing) has paid the following dividends:

2012-13: \$2.5m

2011-12: \$4.6m

2010-11: \$5.3m

2009-10: \$5.8m

2008-09: \$4.6m

The Royal Australian Mint does not pay dividends to Government but pays seigniorage to the Official Public Account. Seigniorage is the difference between the face value of a circulating coin and the cost of producing, distributing and retiring it from circulation. In the past five financial years the Mint has paid:

2012-13 - \$98.9m

2011-12 - \$38.8m

2010-11 - \$76.5m

2009-10 - \$109.8m

2008-09 - \$85.9m