

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Cost recovery efficiency performance standards

Senator: Wong

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Question:

- 1) Has work commenced on the development of efficiency performance standards against which government cost recovery agencies would be assessed?
- 2) If so, which branch is responsible for developing the standards?
- 3) Is it proposed that these new standards would be made public? If not, why not?
- 4) If work has not commenced on the development of the standards, why not?

Answer:

- 1) Finance is undertaking a review of the current Cost Recovery Guidelines. Based on feedback from stakeholders, the review includes a focus on how government entities can develop and report on performance measures for their specific cost recovered activities.
- 2) The Governance and Resource Management Group has led the review and is drafting revised Cost Recovery Guidelines in consultation with stakeholders.
- 3) Once finalised and if agreed by the Government, the revised Cost Recovery Guidelines will be publicly available. Following the release of the updated guidelines, entities will review their Cost Recovery Implementation Statements, including relevant performance measures. Cost Recovery Implementation Statements are publicly available and any updates will be published.
- 4) N/A.