

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Senate Estimates

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Question: BR41

Topic: The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism –
Corporate Questions

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Senator Eggleston asked:

How much has the Department spent on Google advertisements? What search terms are being maintained? Are any other search engines receiving funds from the Department?

What are the terms of the salary package of the Secretary? How long is the contract, what are the KPIs? What was the size of the redundancy package for the now departed secretary?

Answer:

As at 30 June 2010, there has been no Departmental spend on Google advertisements. There are no search terms being maintained. The Department does not fund any other search engines.

The Secretary's employment conditions and salary are set out in the Prime Minister's Determination under Section 61; Secretaries Remuneration and Other Conditions, administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Secretary was appointed for a term of 5 years.

The previous Secretary resigned, therefore there was no redundancy payment.