

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION**

**TOPIC:** Websites

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**QUESTION No.: BI-81**

**Ms Graham:** We have a departmental website and there is also a website specifically for each of the ministers.

**Dr Russell:** The model that we use is the model that the Treasury uses and has used for some time, where they have the departmental website with a link to the ministers. The content is separated.

**Senator COLBECK:** So who loads that content onto the website—the department or somebody else?

**Ms Graham:** My understanding is the department loads it onto the departmental website; I would need to check on the minister's website but I think that the department loads it on as well.

**ANSWER**

The department follows the Department of Finance and Deregulation Web Guide which sets out the requirements for ministerial websites directly maintained by departments. The department has a clear distinction between the departmental website and those of the portfolio ministers achieved through changes in look and feel of the websites as well as different domain names.

While the department is responsible for loading material onto portfolio ministers' websites, the material placed on the website is at the discretion of the relevant minister. Material loaded onto the ministerial websites may include material produced by the department, however in most instances the materials are ministerial press releases and speeches.