Senate Standing Committee on Economics ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates
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Question No: SBT 131 - 135

Topic: Productivity Commission Government Advertising

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Senator Bushby asked:

131. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12?

Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.

- Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
- 133. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)?
 - Provide the details for each advertising item.
- 134. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.
- 135. What advertising Campaign and Non-Campaign and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?

Answer:

131. The Commission does not undertake 'advertising campaigns'. The Commission advertises its government-commissioned inquiries and studies so that any individual, firm or organisation with an interest has an opportunity to present their views. The Commission also undertakes advertising for recruitment purposes.

| Provider | Description | Amount (GST exclusive) 2011-12 Financial Year (to 30 September 2011) |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Adcorp Australia Ltd | Recruitment | \$19,171.29 |
| Adcorp Australia Ltd | Business Regulation Benchmarking: Role of Local Government as Regulator – Commissioned Study | \$3,913.05 |
| Adcorp Australia Ltd | Economic Structure and Performance of the Australian Retail Industry – Public Inquiry | \$5,375.62 |
| Adcorp Australia Ltd | Australia's Export Credit Arrangements – Public Inquiry | \$5,013.19 |
| Adcorp Australia Ltd | Economic Regulation of Airport Services – Public Inquiry | \$2,273.56 |
| | Total | \$35,746.71 |

- 132. No.
- 133. Not applicable.
- 134. Not applicable.
- 135. The Commission will continue to advertise inquiries and studies when they are commissioned by Government. Recruitment advertising will be undertaken as required .