

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Question:

Given the response on page 61 of testimony of Tuesday, 12 February 2013, can the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) indicate how many nudge trials they are running in Finance?

- a) When did the trials commence? When will the trials conclude?
- b) What is the nature of these trials?
- c) How many departmental staff are involved in the trials?

How will the results of the trials be used by the Office of Best Practice Regulation?

Answer:

(a), (b), and (c)

Finance is conducting two internal trials over the first half of 2013, designed to assess which processes best assist compliance with internal procurement requirements. Three to four staff assist with the design and management of the trials on a part time basis which will provide the Office of Best Practice Regulation with an evidence base and improved insight concerning the merits of behavioural economics and nudge techniques in regulatory settings.