

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Supplementary Estimates Hearing – October 2010**

**Outcome General, Program General**

**Topic: Election Commitments**

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**Senator Bernardi asked:**

- a) Were any of the government's election promises in your portfolio costed before the election was called by the department of Treasury or Finance? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.
- b) Had your department or any agency in your portfolio provided information on any of the government's election promises in your portfolio to the Government before the election was called? Was any work done on formulating any of the Government's election commitments? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.

**Answer:**

a) & b)

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