

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 1859

Topic: Pre-election commitments or decisions – Contracts - ABS

Written: 7 March 2014

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1859. How much has your agency spent in the last year on PR firms, focus groups, lobbyists or external communications contracts or services? What were the decision processes for those contracts and what was the level of Ministerial or Minister Office input into those decisions?

Answer:

1859. ABS expenditure relating to Market Research for last financial year is \$197,090 (GST Exclusive).

The decision processes for those contracts was made via an open tender process in accordance with commonwealth procurement rules. There was no Ministerial or Minister Office input into those decisions.