

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: CEFC

Question: SBT2245-2246

Topic: Merchandise or promotional material

Reference: written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since 7 September 2013:

2245. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?

2246. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose)

- a) List the cost for each item
- b) List the quantity of each item
- c) Who suggested these materials be created?
- d) Who approved its creation?
- e) Provide copies of authorisation
- f) When was the Minister informed of the material being created?
- g) Who created the material?
- h) How was that person selected?
- i) How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?

Answer:

2245. The CEFC is not a Department of State. If this question was intended for the department it should be directed to the Treasury. If the question is intended for the CEFC despite the wording to the contrary then the answer is yes.

2246. a)-i)

The CEFC purchases various merchandise, including promotional material, and incurs costs in promotion that are not related to merchandise. It is not possible to provide the information in the form requested as to do so would require a manual review of each invoice and recalculation in the categories specified. As capturing this information a) is not required, and b) is of no utility to the CEFC, attempting to collect this information would present an unnecessary diversion of public resources that would not meet the requirements of efficient, effective, economical and ethical usage per the *Public Governance and Accountability Act 2013*.

In addition please note the CEFC is an independent statutory authority governed by an independent Board and under our Act the Corporation is not required to inform or seek approval from our responsible Ministers for expenditure.