

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Department/Agency: Treasury

Question: SBT 319-320

Topic: Merchandise or promotional material

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since 7 September 2013:

319. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?
320. 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) 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?

Answer:

319. Yes

320.

- a) The departments systems are not structured to provide the level of detail sought and to do this manually is considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- b) The departments systems are not structured to provide the level of detail sought and to do this manually is considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- c) In line with G20 practices in previous years, the above products were created.
- d) Creation of the products was approved by the appropriate Departmental delegate.
- e) The departments systems are not structured to provide the level of detail sought and to do this manually is considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- f) The minister was not informed it was a Departmental decision. The material was created for officials level meetings throughout the year as well as for meetings involving Ministers.
- g) The material was created by various companies.

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- h) The creative and design panel was used in most cases to source providers. If products could not be sourced on these panels then further quotes were requested from non-panel members. All procurement was undertaken in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.
- i) see above