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Topic: Ministerial directions to Secretaries on advertising campaigns

Senator: Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: I am interested to know, in the previous seven years, on what occasions did ministers of state override or issue directions to secretaries to continue or reinstate advertising campaigns?

Ms Halton: We cannot answer that question here.

Senator SMITH: Can you take it on notice?

Ms Halton: To the extent that we are able to answer that question, we will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department of Finance does not maintain records on ministerial directions to secretaries relating to continuing or reinstating advertising campaigns.

This matter was previously canvassed by the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 29 May 2014, refer page 63 of Hansard.