

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

Can the Department provide details of line items in the Contingency Reserve that do not fall under the following categories:

1. Commercial-in-confidence and national security-in-confidence items;
2. Programs yet to be negotiated with State and Territory Governments; and
3. Decisions taken but not yet announced.

Answer:

There is a long standing practice of successive governments not to disclose individual items in the Contingency Reserve (CR). Disclosing these items would be contrary to the public interest due to the sensitive nature of items and the fact that they may disclose Cabinet deliberations.