

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: But it did not happen in relation to the census. Did the adjustment to the census campaign require additional expenditure that was not foreshadowed? Presumably, in the original submission to the ICC, they would have a budget allocated to a particular campaign. Was there a—

Senator Ryan: Senator Gallagher, I will take that on notice but, with the proviso that you will have the opportunity to ask Treasury this tomorrow. It will be me at the table at this stage for the ABS, so those questions would probably be more appropriately dealt with by the agency that was running the advertisement. However, if not, I will make sure and I will give them a heads-up.

Answer:

Yes, there was additional expenditure required. Questions about spending in the Census campaign are a matter for the ABS.