Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio Budget Estimates Hearing 2007-08 28 May 2007

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

TOPIC: Pre-Seed Fund

REFERENCE: Written Question

QUESTION No. B1-12

Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Can you please give me the break-down of the disbursement of the Government's allocation of \$72.7 million to the Pre-Seed Fund including:

- a) How many investments have been made by the fund managers?
- b) How much of the \$72.7 million has been invested to date?
- c) How many of those investment funds have been returned to date ie, capital gain/loss?

ANSWER

The figures below are as at 31 May 2007.

- a) 56
- b) \$24,242,754
- c) \$89,662. Capital gain/loss cannot be quantified at this stage because the two investments which contributed to this return were sold to another company in return for cash and shares. The fund manager has not yet liquidated the share component of the divestment proceeds. The funds returned are from the cash component.