

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2010-11
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Election campaign

REFERENCE: Written Question –Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No: SI-37

1. What type of work did your portfolio engage in during the 2010 election campaign?
2. Did you receive any requests for information from the Government, your portfolio Ministers or any other Ministers?
3. Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not?
4. Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not?

ANSWER

1. The work undertaken by the Portfolio during the 2010 election campaign was to continue the business of government and addressing ordinary matters of administration in accordance with the Caretaker Conventions.
2. Yes. As per the Caretaker Conventions, any requests for factual material relating to the day-to-day business of government is supplied to Ministers.
3. This information is expected to be released under a Freedom of Information request. **The release date is TBA.**
4. No. Refer to SI-27.