

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION
(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)

Question: SBT 116

Topic: Election Commitments

Senator Bushby asked:

Were any of the government's election promises in your portfolio costed before the election was called by the department or Treasury or Finance? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.

Had your department or any agency in your portfolio provided information on any of the government's election promises in your portfolio to the Government before the election was called? Was any work done on formulating any of the Government's election commitments? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.

What is the status of each election commitment from the 2007 election within the portfolio?

Which 2007 election commitments are experiencing slippages? Why? Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of this slippage?

Are there any 2007 election commitments that will not be implemented? If yes, please provide details. Were departmental resources provided to implement these commitments? How much? What will happen to the funding now?

What is the status of each election commitment from the 2010 election within the portfolio? Please provide a list.

Has implementation of the 2010 election commitments within the portfolio commenced? If yes, provide details. If no, why not?

Will additional departmental resources be required to implement 2010 election commitments within your portfolio? If yes, provide details. If no, why not? If unable to provide an answer please explain why.

How will the election commitments in your portfolio be offset? Will your portfolio be required to offset the new spending in your portfolio?

Answer:

The ACCC is an independent statutory authority responsible for administering the *Trade Practices Act 1974* and other legislation. Questions on costings or election commitments should be directed to Treasury.