

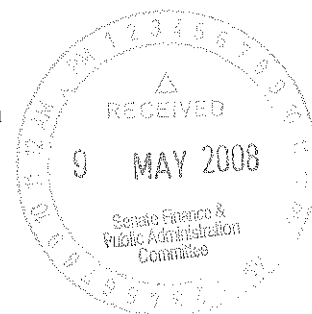
**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008



**Question: F1 (a) – (e)**

**Outcomes 1 and 2**

**Topic: Board Appointments, vacancies, grants, fund movements and election commitments**

**Written Question on Notice**

**Senator Minchin asked:**

**F1 (a)** - List all appointments which have been made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and Ministers) to Statutory Authorities, Executive Agencies and Advisory Boards, with a brief outline of the respective appointee's credentials.

**F1 (b)** - Provide a list of all vacancies which remain to be filled by Ministerial (including Cabinet and Executive Council) appointments.

**F1 (c)** - Provide a list of all grants which have been approved by Ministers from within their portfolio.

**F1 (d)** - Provide a list of requests to the Department of Finance to move funds within each portfolio.

**F1 (e)** - Provide a complete list of the Government's election promises made during the campaign, and which Department is responsible for the administration of each of these commitments.

**Answer:**

**F1 (a)** Please refer to Part (1) of the response to Senate Question on Notice No. 117.

**F1 (b)**

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation – There is one vacant Board position to be filled.

ASC Pty Ltd – The Company's Board is to have between three and nine members. The Board currently has eight members. There is no intention to appoint an additional member at this time.

Australian River Co. Ltd – The Company's Board is to have between three and thirteen members. The Board currently has three members. There is no intention to appoint additional members at this time.

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Australian Industrial Development Corporation – *The Australian Industrial Development Corporation Act 1970* states that the Board is to consist of the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive of the Corporation and such number of other members as the Minister appoints. The Board currently has three members. There is no intention to appoint additional Board members at this time.

Telstra Sale Company Ltd – The Company's Board is to have between three and seven members. The Board currently has three members. There is no intention to appoint additional members at this time.

Australian Technology Group Ltd – The Company's Board is to have between three and nine members. The Board currently has three members. There is no intention to appoint additional members at this time.

**F1 (c)**

Nil.

**F1 (d)**

In year requests by Ministers to move funds between outcomes in their portfolios are delegated to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation for approval. The impact of any change is reflected in revised estimates in the relevant appropriation bills; and the Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) or Additional Estimates Statements (PAES) which include details of the purposes of the appropriation.

Where these movements are the result of changes to outcome structures - for example, as a result of Machinery of Government changes - agencies are required to highlight the changes made to outcome structures in their PBS or PAES and provide a comparison between the new and old structures.

Movements of administered funds between years are explained in Portfolio Budget Statements.

**F1 (e)**

Please refer to the response to Senate Question on Notice No. 165.