

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: PM74a-e

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- a) Has the Department undertaken any research or created any reports that break down funding by electorate?**
- b) For whom, and when, have these reports been created?**
- c) How often are these reports updated?**
- d) Can the Department provide these reports?**
- e) Have these reports or other electorate-specific data been used in the allocation of grants since December 2007?**

Answer:

- a) The Office of the Coordinator General (OCG) provides electorate and state and territory summaries of funding approvals for building and construction elements of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan (NBESP). The Department also prepares general information briefs to support visits by the Prime Minister to local areas. This information includes Government spending in electorates.
- b) To assist with his oversight role OCG electorate summaries were produced for the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Government Service Delivery, Senator the Hon Mark Arbib. General information briefs are produced for the Prime Minister when travelling to those areas.
- c) The NBESP website contains details of project approvals and their status. Users can find out which projects have been approved in their postcode and their electorate. General information briefs are updated as required.

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- d) Electorate information will be available on the NBESP Website.

The department's general information briefs contains material Cabinet-in-Confidence material, advice to Government, and private or commercial information (or all of the above) that is not suitable for public release. To undertake the exercise of reviewing all of the documents in question to determine what can be released would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.

- e) No.