

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Senator: Payne

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Question:

Senator Payne asked:

What is the resourcing for the Business Regulation and Competition Working Group, including details of source and amount of funding, what Commonwealth, state and territory agencies are involved, and staffing (on the secretariat and otherwise).

Answer:

The Commonwealth, states and territories and New Zealand are all members of the Business Regulation and Competition Working Group (BRCWG) and as such are each entitled to three representatives on the Working Group. Membership is from central agencies in each jurisdiction. The Secretariat for the BRCWG is located in the Commonwealth Department of Finance and Deregulation. The BRCWG Secretariat has a budget of \$1,274,633.00 and 10.5 FTE staff for the 2010/11 financial year, funded from the Department's departmental budget. State and territory jurisdictions do not contribute funding to the BRCWG Secretariat and they meet the cost of their participation on the BRCWG.