

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: ASC Pty Ltd

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Dividend target for 2012-13

Senator: Johnston

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Question:

What is the input to the finalisation? What affects the bottom line at this time during the year? Is it a fluid figure or is it recalculated back as a target.
It is pretty interesting to set a target.

Answer:

Under the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*, Commonwealth Government Business Enterprises are required to submit a Corporate Plan to the responsible Minister each year.

Corporate Plans are forward-looking documents that contain, among other things, the business's objectives, strategies and targets (financial and non-financial). ASC's Corporate Plan outlines the activities that will be undertaken in the business and the expected profit and associated dividend.

ASC has a dividend policy of 60 per cent of profit after tax. Market conditions may affect the bottom line however a robust Corporate Plan assists in managing these external factors.

Corporate Plans are considered final when they are accepted by the Shareholder Minister(s).