

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Senator RYAN asked:

For the following domain names:

- <http://www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au>
- <http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au>
- <http://www.digitaleducationrevolution.gov.au>

- (a) When and by which Department was each application lodged?
- (b) When and by whom was each application checked against the Eligibility and Allocation Policy?
- (c) At any stage, were concerns raised by AGIMO or its officers that any of these domain names might be in breach of Rule 17 (v) of the Eligibility and Allocation Policy of the gov.au Domain Policies?
- (d) Which domain names were flagged as potentially in breach of Rule 17(v)?
- (e) Was this concern raised with the relevant Minister or his or her office?
- (f) Who in your office raised this with the relevant Minister of his or her office?

Answer:

- (a) For the following domain names:
 - The application for the ‘buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au’ domain name was submitted on 2 February 2009 by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.
 - The application for the ‘educationtaxrefund.gov.au’ domain name was submitted on 31 July 2008 by the Australian Taxation Office.
 - The application for the ‘digitaleducationrevolution.gov.au’ domain name was submitted on 21 January 2008 by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.
- (b) Following the receipt of an application for a domain name, it is checked against the Eligibility and Allocation Policy by the Domain Name Administrator and the Domain Application Review Committee prior to registration of the domain name.

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- (c) No. In the course of the domain application and registration process, no concerns were raised by the Department of Finance and Deregulation or its officers that any of these domain names might be in breach of Criteria 17 (v) of the gov.au Domain Eligibility and Allocation Policy.
- (d) None. These domain name applications were not flagged as potentially in breach of Criteria 17(v) of the gov.au Domain Eligibility and Allocation Policy.
- (e) No concerns regarding the eligibility of these domain name applications were raised with the relevant Minister or his or her office.
- (f) No concerns regarding the eligibility of these domain name applications have been raised with the relevant Minister or his or her office by any officer within the Department of Finance and Deregulation.