

## **Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

### **ANSWER TO WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Topic: Australian Government Domain Administration**

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**Senator RYAN asked:**

- (a) When was the grocerychoice.gov.au domain name registered?
- (b) Which department was an application for registration lodged by?
- (c) I understand grocerychoice.gov.au's operations have been handed over the non-government organisation CHOICE. Is grocerychoice.gov.au still registered as a government domain name?
- (d) How much has it cost to keep grocerychoice.gov.au still registered (including administrative and related expenses) a government domain name from the time it handed its operations over to CHOICE?
- (e) How many hits did the grocerychoice.gov.au site receive from the time it was launched to the time it was handed over to CHOICE?

**Answer:**

- (a) The 'grocerychoice.gov.au' domain name was registered on 11 July 2008.
- (b) The application for the 'grocerychoice.gov.au' domain name was submitted by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.
- (c) The 'grocerychoice.gov.au' domain name is still registered (note that the licence for the domain name is currently held by the Department of the Treasury).
- (d) A fee of \$62.00 for a two year licence was payable on the registration of the 'grocerychoice.gov.au' domain name. No further costs are incurred to maintain the registration of a domain until the licence expires and the domain name is due for renewal.
- (e) This question has been referred to the Treasury.