

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearing 25-29 May 2009

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Topic: Breakdown of funding provided to Departments for infrastructure projects and how it is being spent

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Mr Mrdak-Funding has been provided to Centrelink for information-again, in relation to its delivery programs and information for their customers-to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government for some of the communications activities around the delivery of the infrastructure projects, to the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, as I indicated, and to the Australian Taxation Office.

Senator BERNARDI-So it is just the four departments?

Mr Mrdak-That is right.

Senator BERNARDI-You do not have the breakdown?

Mr Mrdak-I do not have the breakdown but I will get that for you.

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Senator BERNARDI-Mr Mrdak, I would like a detailed breakdown of the departments that are spending this money and how they are going about spending this money. I would like to know how it is being spent, including through the ATO and all of those.

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Answer: Agencies have provided the following advice on the current breakdown of the total Budget allocation for the communications activities in relation to the Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan:

Department/Agency	2008/09 (\$,000)	2009/10 (\$,000)	Total (\$,000)	Purpose
Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	17,875	6,425	24,300	To raise public awareness of the <i>Energy Efficient Homes</i> package. The campaign aims to increase community understanding of how householders can improve the energy efficiency of their homes and of the government assistance that is available for the installation of home ceiling insulation and solar and heat pump hot water systems. It is proposed to include television, print, radio and internet advertising, direct mail and sponsorship of community events.
Australian Taxation Office	14,830	4,970	19,800	The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) was allocated \$14.8 million in 2008-09 and \$5.0 million in 2009-10 to implement a public information campaign for the Tax Bonus for working Australians, and the Small Business and General Business Tax Break.
Centrelink	2,653	35	2,688	To develop print material to raise awareness within the community of entitlement and access to the following programs: Back to School Single Income measure; Farmers Bonus measure; and Training and Learning (bonus payment).

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Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	607	828	1,435	To develop and implement a website and associated online material for the Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan. This work will be conducted in collaboration with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	35	1,879	1,914	To produce material to raise awareness among local communities of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure and Boom Gates at Rail Crossing initiatives by providing information on the identification and funding of projects, reports on their progress and completion.
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Total	36,000	14,673	50,673	