

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

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Senator: Ryan

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I have got some questions about Ahead of the game—commonly known as the Moran review... There is a broad discussion, I appreciate, throughout the report about efficiency and on page 30 it mentions that there was one small agency that revealed that corporate costs represented: ... approximately \$5 million out of an annual appropriation of \$15 million ... This was part of the suggestion that there was the opportunity to ‘improve efficiency in small agencies’. I was wondering what agency that was?

Mr Sedgwick - I honestly cannot remember, if indeed I ever knew what that agency was. It should not be too hard to find it, though.

Answer:

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have advised that the information in question was provided to the Advisory Group on Reform of Australian Government Administration by a small agency on the basis that the information would remain confidential, in response to the Discussion Paper *Reform of Australian Government Administration: Building the world's best public service*, which was released on 1 October 2009.

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