

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: 31 D (i)**

**Outcome: Sustainable Government Finances, Output: Financial Reporting**

**Topic: Monthly Financial Statements**

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**Senator Forshaw asked:**

Can the Department provide further information regarding the 'foreign exchange losses' line in the Statement of Financial Performance?

**Answer:**

Consistent with estimates and in accordance with AASB 1012 paragraph 8.1, foreign exchange gains and losses are disclosed on a net basis in the monthly statements. Paragraph 8.1 of AASB 1012 is reproduced below:

**8 Disclosures**

**8.1 The *entity* must disclose the amount of the net *exchange difference* and gain or loss *recognised* as either a *revenue* or an *expense* in *net profit* or *loss/result* for the reporting period.**

- The net foreign exchange loss of \$151 million from 1 July 2003 to 31 August 2003 are simply a result of \$A depreciating in value between 1 July 2003 and 31 August 2003.

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