

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010

Question: PM129

Asked By: Senator Abetz

Topic: Administrative Arrangements Orders

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a) Can you detail what changes have occurred in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 September 2010.

i. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage or whether refurbishment or additional space will need to be leased to accommodate new staff. Alternatively, will agencies be left with empty office space due to loss of staff). Please provide details

ii. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band.

b) Were there any changes in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 October 2010.

i. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage). Please provide details.

ii. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band.

c) Can you describe what, if any, Administrative Arrangements Orders occurred in your portfolio between November 2007 and July 2010? Please detail the costs associated with these.

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Answer:

a) As a result of the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) effective on 14 September 2010, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet assumed the following responsibilities:

- Cyber policy co-ordination
- Social inclusion, non-profit sector and volunteering
- Cultural affairs, including movable cultural heritage and support for the arts
- Sport and recreation

The following bodies transferred to the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio:

- Australia Council
- Australian Business Arts Foundation Limited
- Australian Film, Television and Radio School
- Australian National Maritime Museum
- Bundanon Trust
- National Film and Sound Archive
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Library of Australia
- National Museum of Australia
- Screen Australia
- Remuneration Tribunal
- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority
- Australian Sports Commission (Australian Institute of Sport)
- Australian Sports Foundation Limited

The following responsibilities were transferred out of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet:

- Official Establishments, ownership and property management: transferred to the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- Office of the Coordinator General; transferred to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.

i. PM&C is still finalising changes in relation to the transfer of functions and is unable to estimate costs at this time.

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ii. The machinery of government changes will result in an increase in staffing levels in PM&C of approximately 350. However the final arrangements are still being negotiated. Including the portfolio agencies, approximately 2380 staff will move into the portfolio through the AAO.

b) The omission of the Australia Council Act from the 14 September 2010 AAO was corrected.

i. No.

ii. No.

c) The following AAOs between November 2007 and July 2010 had an impact on the Department.

AAO Date	Inclusions	Exclusions
3/12/2007	National security policy co-ordination Work and family policy co-ordination Privacy Freedom of information	Co-ordination of Government communications and advertising
25/01/2008	Nil	Nil
1/05/2008	Management of government records Old Parliament House (with effect from 1 July 2008)	Nil
8/03/2010	Nil	Nil
6/05/2010	Nil	Nil
29/06/2010	Australian Government employment workplace relations policy, including equal employment opportunity and administration of the framework for agreement making and remuneration and conditions	

There have been negligible costs to PM&C (as described in question (a)(i)) associated with Implementation of the changes flowing from these AAOs.