

**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: PM85**

**Asked By: Senator Abetz**

**Topic: Official Photographers**

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**Did the Department engage the services of official photographers this year: if so, for each instance**

- a) **for what reason**
- b) **how many photographs were produced**
- c) **where did they appear**
- d) **is it possible to have a copy of any publication in which they appeared**
- e) **what was the cost of this official photography**
- f) **who requested these services**
- g) **was this service provided by the Department of Finance: if so, why?**

**Answer:**

- a) Official photos are requested by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to provide an historical record of significant official events as they occur.
- b) 7,840.
- c) & d) Images have appeared on official websites and in the news media. Although the Department owns the images, Auspic maintains a library of all images they have taken.
- e) The cost of official photography to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet from 1 January 2010 to 30 October 2010 has been \$75,857.

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f) The services were requested by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

g) The service was provided by Auspic of the Department of the Finance and Deregulation. As has been the practice of successive governments, Auspic, as the official government photographic service, has travelled with the Prime Minister on most official visits, and accompanied Heads of State, Heads of Government and Royalty on official visits to Australia.