

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Senator: MACDONALD

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Senator IAN MACDONALD—So you are going to get me on notice how many of the questions from the department dealing with regional development, local government and whatever this area had before for which you are responsible. How many of those questions were submitted by your department to the minister prior to 21 July, as directed by an order of the Senate?

Ms Beauchamp—Yes. Can I make a clarification? The department did not exist at the time you are speaking of, so I will be seeking advice from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—But the regional development elements of that department are now in your department?

Ms Beauchamp—Indeed.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—And the officers, by and large, are the same?

Ms Beauchamp—Yes.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—And you will be able to find out from them how many of them provide—

Ms Beauchamp—Were submitted to the previous minister, yes.

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Answer:

In the May 2010 Senate Estimates period the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (DITRDLG) received 211 questions on notice: of these, 29 questions related to programs that are now the responsibility of the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government (Regional Australia).

DITRDLG submitted answers to all 211 questions to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government prior to 21 July 2010.