

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

Outcome: 1

Topic: Election commitments

Senator: ABETZ

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Type of question: Written, Tuesday 19 October 2010

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 3 December 2010

- a) Were any of the government's election promises in your portfolio costed before the election was called by the department or Treasury or Finance? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.
- b) Had your department or any agency in your portfolio provided information on any of the government's election promises in your portfolio to the Government before the election was called? Was any work done on formulating any of the Government's election commitments? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.

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Answer:

- a) The Department did not cost any projects as election commitments.
- b) With regard to the Northern Australia Sustainable Futures Program, the Office of Northern Australia coordinated a draft response with central agencies to the Northern Land and Water Taskforce report. The preliminary response, including the proposed Northern Australia Sustainable Futures Program, was completed prior to the election.

Initial advice on the Essendon Football Club Sporting and Community Hub and the Cairns Cultural Centre projects was provided to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, prior to the election, for consideration under the Infrastructure Employment Projects program.