

**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**

**Question reference number: 51**

**Type of question: Written, Tuesday 19 October 2010**

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

- a) Will additional departmental resources be required to implement 2010 election commitments within your portfolio? If yes, provide details. If no, why not? If unable to provide an answer please explain why.
- b) How will the election commitments in your portfolio be offset? Will your portfolio be required to offset the new spending in your portfolio?

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**Answer:**

a)-b) Decisions regarding departmental resources will be made in the context of budget processes. The requirement for any offsets will also be considered in this context.