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Peter Hallahan
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Hallahan


Details of budget and staffing for PPS Reform

At the Committee's hearing on 6 February 2009, I took on notice a question from Senator Barnett about the breakdown of costs for the personal property securities reform process, including the number of staff involved (*Proof Hansard*, L&CA 60).

The 2007–08 Budget included \$113.3 million over 5 years for reform of PPS law and the establishment of a national online PPS register. This figure comprises \$81.5m in departmental funding, \$27.0m in capital funding, and \$4.9m in administered funding for an advertising campaign. Of the departmental funding, \$760,000 has been allocated to conduct seminars and education forums for consumers, businesses and other stakeholders throughout Australia.

The Attorney-General's Department currently employs 14.5 full-time equivalent staff to undertake the reform and oversee the establishment of the PPS Register. The Department has also engaged three contractors to provide business analyst services, systems integrator services and project management services.

Yours sincerely



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