

4.2 ACMA QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – STATUS

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The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has responded to 51 Questions on Notice (QoN) from the 2023–24 May Budget Estimates hearing. Of these, 8 were taken on notice at the hearing, 9 were written QoNs directly for the ACMA, and the remaining were input we provided to 33 cross-portfolio written responses and one Department of Social Services response. Additionally, since May 2023 we provided input into 2 cross-portfolio Parliamentary QoNs, and responded to 10 Parliamentary Inquiry QoNs.

KEY ISSUES

Senate Estimates QoNs

- 8 questions were taken on notice by the ACMA at the 2023–24 May Budget Senate Estimates hearing.

QoN No.	Title	Date input provided to the Department	Date tabled
77	Research into gambling advertising on broadcasting	19/06/2023	10/07/2023
78	Expect to have BetStop up and running	19/06/2023	10/07/2023
79	Correspondence between ACMA and the ACCC	19/06/2023	13/07/2023
80	Submissions or documentation provided to the minister and her office in relation stopping these scammers	19/06/2023	10/07/2023
81	Change over the last five years in Scams	19/06/2023	11/07/2023
82	Figures for 2GB	19/06/2023	10/07/2023
83	ABC breaching its code	19/06/2023	10/07/2023
84	Code improvements	19/06/2023	10/07/2023

- The ACMA responded to 9 written QoNs from the 2023–24 May Budget Senate Estimates hearing.

QoN No.	Title	Date input provided to the Department	Date tabled
128	Protection of IP in Australia from Artificial Intelligence	19/06/2023	10/07/2023

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129	Junk Food Advertising	19/06/2023	29/09/2023
167	Salaries	19/06/2023	10/07/2023
168	Estimates briefing packs	18/08/2023	30/08/2023
190	Misinformation against any News Corp owned media outlets	19/06/2023	31/07/2023
191	Fox vs Dominion case in the United States	19/06/2023	10/07/2023
192	Political vendetta	19/06/2023	10/07/2023
208	Social Media posts made by the Chair and Deputy Chair	27/06/2023	13/07/2023
209	Voice to Parliament Referendum campaign	27/06/2023	10/07/2023

- The ACMA provided input to 33 cross-portfolio written QoNs from the 2023–24 May Budget Senate Estimates hearing.
- As at 13 October 2023, 14 of the 33 cross-portfolio responses have been tabled.

QoN No.	Title	Date input provided to the Department	Date tabled
183	Grants programs	18/07/2023	20/09/2023
242	Minister's request for data or information separated out by electorate.	4/07/2023	Not yet tabled
244	Matters referred to Comcare	28/06/2023	Not yet tabled
250	Number of Freedom of Information applications received by the department/agency since 1 July 2022	3/07/2023	Not yet tabled
251	Market research supplied to any Minister's office	3/07/2023	Not yet tabled
252	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023	28/06/2023	5/10/2023
254	List of interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participate in or provides representation to	3/07/2023	Not yet tabled
255	List of reviews completed by the department/agency since 1 July 2022	3/07/2023	5/10/2023

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QoN No.	Title	Date input provided to the Department	Date tabled
256	Number of reviews that the department/agency are currently conducting	3/07/2023	5/10/2023
257	Matters referred to the Fair Work Commission	28/06/2023	5/10/2023
258	Credit Cards	28/06/2023	Not yet tabled
259	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise	3/07/2023	Not yet tabled
260	Total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns	3/07/2023	Not yet tabled
261	Total expenditure on media monitoring services	28/06/2023	Not yet tabled
262	Total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees	28/06/2023	5/10/2023
263	Upgrade to facilities in any of the Departments/agency premises	28/06/2023	Not yet tabled
265	Secretary's/agency head's travel - including cost of flights and accommodation	28/06/2023	Not yet tabled
266	Upgrade to furniture, fixtures or fittings	28/06/2023	18/09/2023
267	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions by the department or agencies	28/06/2023	Not yet tabled
268	Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - 2022-23 October Budget	3/07/2023	Not yet tabled
269	Inter-departmental committee membership	3/07/2023	5/10/2023
270	Commonwealth taskforce memberships	3/07/2023	Not yet tabled
271	Amount of paper the department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas	28/06/2023	Not yet tabled
272	Number of meetings between Secretary/agency heads with the Minister's not in their portfolio	28/06/2023	Not yet tabled
273	Number of meetings between Secretary/agency heads with the Minister's in their portfolio	28/06/2023	Not yet tabled
279	Unpaid leave	4/07/2023	12/09/2023

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280	Supply Nation	4/07/2023	29/09/2023
281	Workplace Culture	4/07/2023	18/09/2023
282	Workers' Compensation	4/07/2023	12/09/2023
283	Consultants	4/07/2023	12/09/2023
284	Workforce - contractors	4/07/2023	Not yet tabled
285	Senior Executive	4/07/2023	31/08/2023
286	Workforce	4/07/2023	Not yet tabled

- The ACMA provided input to one Department of Social Services written QoNs from the 2023–24 May Budget Senate Estimates hearing.

QoN No.	Title	Date input provided to DSS	Date tabled
361	Australian Institute of Family Studies - Gambling Harm	23/06/2023	8/08/2023

BACKGROUND

- The ACMA last appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications on 24 May 2023.
- A hard copy of all ACMA responses to QoN's has been provided to the General Manager Corporate Research Division for access as required.

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