

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 30 May – 1 June 2006

Question: bet 51

Topic: Redirection of Fuel Sale Grants Scheme Funds

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Senator SHERRY asked:

Aim –

To find out whether the funds from the Fuel Sales Grants Scheme will be redirected to Auslink after the scheme is abolished when the Fuel Tax Bill is implemented.

Questions –

- (1) \$257m was allocated to the Fuel Sales Grants Scheme in the 05/06 Federal Budget (Attachment A). When the Fuel Tax Bill is introduced this scheme will be abolished. Will the Commissioner inform this committee whether the funds will be redirected into Auslink.
- (2) If not please advise where the funds will be spent.

Answer:

Information regarding the Government's decision to wind up the FSGS is set out in the joint media statement by then Minister for Transport and Regional Services, the Hon John Anderson and then Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Senator the Hon Ian Campbell of 22 January 2004.