

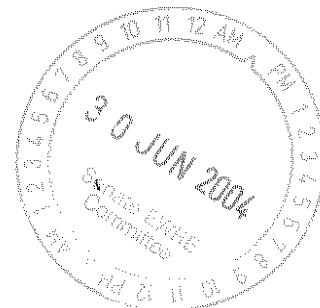


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Dear Mr Carter

I refer to your letter of 25 June 2004 requesting an answer to a question provided in writing by Senator Faulkner at the 2003-2004 Additional Estimates, regarding the supply of mobile phones to Minister Brough's office.

This question is similar to a Question asked on Notice (nos 464-481) by Senator Faulkner, dated 22 July 2002, of a number of Ministers. As the answer to this question is the subject of a Whole of Government response, we have been advised by the Department of Finance that the Special Minister of State's Office will be coordinating and providing the answer to these questions.

Consequently, the response to the Additional Estimates Question will be subject to the approach taken by the Special Minister of State.

Yours sincerely

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