

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Additional Estimates Hearings 2002-2003 – 11 February 2003

Question: F13

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Topic: Rephasings

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Senator Conroy asked:

When was DOFA's authority to approve requests to rephase revoked?

Answer:

Under the current Budget Process Operational Rules agreed by Cabinet, the Minister for Finance and Administration is responsible for the movement of funds between years.

With the move to an accrual based budgeting framework in 1999, Finance retained authority to approve rephasing of expenses below certain thresholds. Since 2001-02 all requests for rephasing have been considered by the Minister for Finance and Administration.

In all cases rephasings are subject to appropriation by the Parliament.