

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: F16

Outcome 1, Output 2

Topic: Operation BASTILLE

Hansard Page: F&PA Pages 160-61

Senator Conroy asked:

- (a) What is the financial cost of the predeployment?
- (b) Can you confirm that Defence will not be able to absorb the costs of these new deployments out of the existing Defence budget?

Answer:

- (a) Funding for the pre-positioning of Defence units in the Middle East is currently being met within Defence's existing resources.
- (b) The Government has indicated that there will be supplementation to cover pre-deployment costs.