

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Estimates Hearings 14-18 February 2005

**Question: F11**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.2.2**

**Topic: Timing of the introduction of the Additional Estimates Appropriation Bills 2004-2005**

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**Senator Sherry asked:**

**Senator SHERRY**—They (the Additional Estimates Appropriation Bills and Finance's Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements) were printed on Monday. Why could they not be provided to the Parliament earlier than Thursday?

**Answer:**

Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements are the Explanatory Memoranda on the appropriations which are proposed in the Additional Estimates Appropriation Bills. Accordingly, they are usually tabled at the same time or after the Appropriation Bills are introduced into the House of Representatives.