

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2007

**Question: F1**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic: Finance involvement in verifying costings for higher education package**

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**Senator WONG asked:**

I was asking about other occasions when the government has made announcements that were contingent upon certain events occurring before expenditure would flow. The example I used was higher education funding contingent upon certain industrial relations arrangements being entered into by universities. In relation to that announcement or similar types of announcements, has Finance been involved in verifying the costings and signing-off on the package?

**Answer:**

Yes.