

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: F15

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Topic: Extension of time for submission of Travelling Allowance claims by Senators and Members

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Senator Ray asked:

How many times in this current financial year has the minister knocked back an application for an extension of time to put the claims in?

Answer:

During the period 1 July 2006 to 15 February 2007 the Special Minister of State (SMOS) has declined five requests from Senators and Members for an extension of time in which to submit Travelling Allowance claims.

Claims which are late, solely due to administrative inefficiency in a Senator or Member's office, have not been accepted by the current SMOS or either of his two predecessors.