

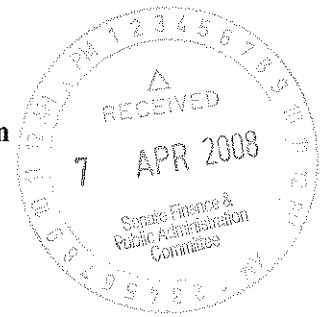
Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008



Question: F119

Outcome General, Output General

Topic: Caucus Committee Support and Training Unit (CCSTU) – appearance before Estimates hearings

Written Question on Notice

Senator Ronaldson asked:

If the CCSTU was formed before the Additional Senate Estimates hearings the week beginning 18 February 2008, why was the committee not informed that they could have been called to appear at Estimates?

Answer:

Staff of the CCSTU are employed under the Part III of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* and are not employees of the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance). Finance is not able to provide advice about the appearance of non-Finance employees before the Committee.

There is no present expectation that CCSTU staff will appear before an Estimates hearing.