

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



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Topic: Savings measures - the Australian National Rugby Academy

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Senator Brandis asked:

Senator BRANDIS—In relation to the next matter—the Australian National Rugby Academy reversal of a measure announced by the Prime Minister, I recall, on 30 June last year to contribute \$25 million to the establishment of the Australian National Rugby Academy at Ballimore—can I ask what steps were taken by or on behalf of your minister to inform himself and to ensure that the strategic budget review of cabinet was informed of the impact on Australian Rugby Union of that decision?

Senator Sherry—I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The decisions taken by the Strategic Budget Committee of Cabinet were made following the provision of departmental advice, and had regard to the possible effects on stakeholders.