

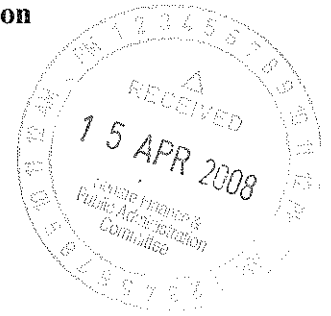
**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008**



**Question: F27**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Savings measures – Australian National Rugby Academy**

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**Senator Brandis asked:**

**Senator BRANDIS**—Finally, on the Australian National Rugby Academy at Ballymore, was Mr Tanner aware, at the time this decision was made, of the contractual obligations that the Australian Rugby Union had undertaken and the liability to which it was exposed in the event of the non-fulfilment of those obligations, on the faith of the promise made on 30 June by the previous government?

**Senator Sherry**—I will ask the departmental officials whether they have any information on this matter—if they are aware of anything.

**Senator BRANDIS**—You will take that on notice?

**Senator Sherry**—I am happy to seek further information.

**Answer:**

It would not be appropriate to provide information on the internal deliberations of Cabinet, including the question of a Cabinet Minister's knowledge in the decision making process of any arrangements that may have been put in place by other parties.