

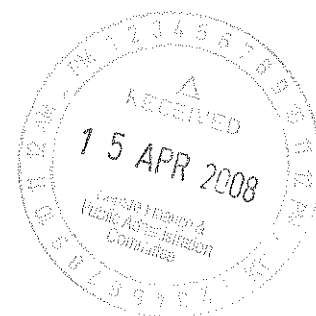
Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008



Question: F30

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Savings measures - the Innovation Ambassador program

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Senator Brandis asked:

Senator BRANDIS—For the Innovation Ambassador program, who was the relevant minister?

Senator Sherry—It would be Senator Carr.

Senator BRANDIS—He was not a participant in the strategic budget committee, was he?

Senator Sherry—Correct.

Senator BRANDIS—I ask the same two questions [refer to question F28]. I do not need to restate them, do I?

Senator Sherry—No. I will refer them.

Answer:

1. Yes.

2. 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.