

**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: F33**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Savings measures - Citizenship Test**

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**Senator Brandis asked:**

**Senator BRANDIS**—The next is not the reversal of a measure but the revision of a measure [Citizenship Test - administration]...Again, was he [The Minister for Immigration] consulted before the decision was made? What steps were taken by or on behalf of Mr Tanner to determine the impact on stakeholders before this decision was made?

**Senator Sherry**—Likewise, Senator Brandis, I will refer it on to the minister.

**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.