

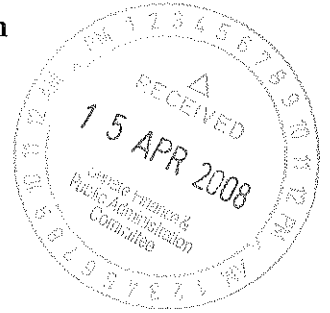
**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Additional Estimates Hearing -- February 2008**



**Question: F37**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Savings measures - Drought Package 2007— re-establishment assistance**

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**Senator Brandis asked:**

The next one is 'Revision of measure—Drought Package 2007—re-establishment assistance'... I will ask the same two questions. Was he consulted in advance of the decision? And what steps did Mr Tanner take or cause to be taken to inform himself and the strategic review committee of cabinet as to the effect upon stakeholders of this measure?

**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.