

**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: F38**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Savings measures - Asia-Pacific forestry skills and capacity building**

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**Senator Brandis asked:**

...The next measure is 'Revision of measure—Asia-Pacific forestry skills and capacity building'... Again, I would like to know the answers to both questions—whether the minister was consulted prior to the decision and what steps Mr Tanner took or caused to be taken to inform the decision makers of the impact on stakeholders.

**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.