

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: F41

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Savings measures - NetAlert

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Senator Brandis asked:

Senator BRANDIS—The next item is ‘Revision of measure—NetAlert—Protecting Australian Families Online—Additional Funding for Consumer Information Campaign’. Can you find out whether he [Senator Conroy] was consulted in advance?

Senator Sherry—Yes.

Senator BRANDIS—Again, I would be interested to know what steps Mr Tanner took or caused to be taken to inform himself and those who made this decision about the impact of this cut...

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.