

**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: F48**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Savings measures – Australian Federal Police—Termination of Residential and Accommodation Leases in PNG**

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**Senator Brandis asked:**

... The next issue is 'Australian Federal Police—Termination of Residential and Accommodation Leases in PNG'. That is a matter of concern to the Attorney-General. I would like to know if he was consulted first. I would like to know whether the commissioner or a relevant officer of the Australian Federal Police was consulted so that the impact of that decision on the Australian Federal Police was taken into consideration in advance of the decision being made.

**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.