

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: F51

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Savings measures – Bureau of Meteorology reductions

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Senator Brandis asked:

...I would like to know whether the appropriate minister was consulted in advance of this decision [Bureau of Meteorology reductions as part of the NPFWS funding reductions] being made and the steps Mr Tanner made, or caused to be made, to inform himself and the decision makers as to the impact of this decision.

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.