

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



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Topic: Savings measures – Low emissions technology

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Senator Brandis asked:

Senator BRANDIS—Thank you. Is low emissions technology and abatement and Environment—

Dr Grimes—We are just checking at the moment. It will be either Environment or Climate Change.

Senator BRANDIS—I would like to know whether the relevant minister was consulted and what steps were taken by Mr Tanner or on his behalf to inform himself and those who made this decision as to its impact and those affected by the reductions.

Dr Grimes—I am able to also confirm that it is Mr Garrett and Environment.

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.