

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: F54

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Savings measures – Biodiversity hotspots

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Senator Brandis asked:

Senator BRANDIS—... What are biodiversity hot spots? ... What about expansion of the program by the identification of new locations?

Mr Suur—We do not believe it will impact on the delivery of the program.

Senator BRANDIS—Do you know? Did you ask the minister? You might care to take that on notice.

Dr Watt—I think that goes back to your standard two questions [refer to question F28].

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.