

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: F55

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Savings measures – Renewable remote power generation program

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Senator Brandis asked:

...There is a large reduction in the renewable remote power generation program. All right. Again, I would like to know both about the extent of consultation with the relevant minister in advance of the decision and what steps Mr Tanner made, or caused to be made on his behalf, to inform himself and those who made the decision as to the impact of this reduction in funding of this program...

Answer:

1. The relevant Minister was consulted in advance of the decision.
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.