

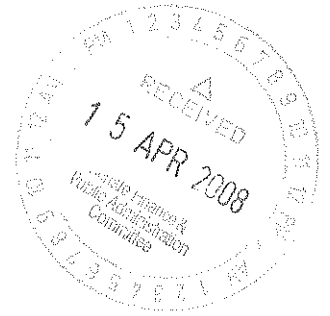
**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008**



**Question: F57**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Savings measures – Ethanol Production Subsidy and the Ethanol Distribution Program**

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**Senator Brandis asked:**

...The next two, the Ethanol Production Subsidy and the Ethanol Distribution Program, I might take together... I would like to know whether the responsible minister was consulted and what steps Mr Tanner took or caused to be taken on his behalf to inform himself and those who made the decision of the impact of the program.

**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.