

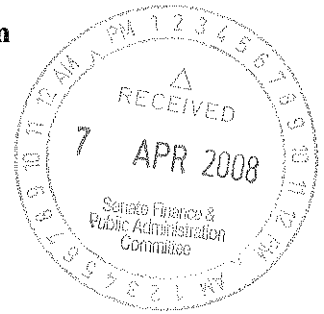
**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008**



**Question: F69**

**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: Electorate Office Telephones**

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**Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:**

Senator Faulkner, I think you asked questions in relation to phone lines in offices on the last occasion. The gist seems to be possibly looking at increased phone lines to cater for the new staff member and also—I throw in the comments that Senator Faulkner made—where some of your staff are part-time and they all happen to be there on that particular day. Is there any intention to look at the question of an additional phone line?

**Answer:**

Ministerial and Parliamentary Services will provide as many telephone handsets as are required in the office, but there is currently no proposal to increase the existing four telephone lines provided to each electorate office.