

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Additional Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2009

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Australia's Debt Levels

Question reference number: F64

Type of Question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 9 April 2009

Number of Pages: 1

Senator Coonan asked:

Given that Outcome 1 for Finance is 'sustainable government finances', how is the Department of Finance consulted when the Government proposes to increase Australia's debt levels?

Answer:

Finance is involved in the relevant Cabinet and related processes.