

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Outcome/Program: 1/1.1**

**Topic: RISs – advice sought from other departments**

**Senator: Waters**

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**Question:**

‘...could you give me an indication of how often in the last five years you have sought advice from the environment department about other departments’ RISs’.

**Answer:**

Preparing a regulation impact statement (RIS) commonly involves an iterative process with the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) commenting on aspects of the RIS that need to be improved so that it may be assessed as adequate. The level of analysis in the RIS needs to be commensurate with the impacts of the proposal including economic, social and environmental impacts. From time to time the OBPR will discuss a draft RIS with relevant stakeholders, including other government agencies, to help inform its assessment. The OBPR does not keep a record of these interactions.