

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Topic: Grant Pause

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

- a) How was the end of the cross government "Grants Pause" communicated to Government departments? Please provide a copy of the letter/email that was sent to communicate the end of the grants pause.
- b) Which departments did Finance provide talking points to, in relation to the Grants pause and for what purposes were departments instructed to use the talking points?

Answer:

- a) The decision to end the "Grants Pause" was communicated to Government departments via a Cabinet minute. Finance liaised with agencies once the decision was made.
- b) The Department of Finance and Deregulation provided standard talking points to all Departments to use as they saw fit during the pause.