

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Identification of Budget announcements included in the Contingency Reserve

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Senator Sherry asked:

Senator SHERRY— What are the specific announcements in this budget that are included in the contingency reserve?

Answer:

There are three measures outlined in the individual measures descriptions in Budget Paper No.2 2006-07 where the agreed funding has been included in the Contingency Reserve. These are:

- National Security — new accommodation for the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and the Office of National Assessments;
- COAG Health Services — establishing the foundations for a national electronic health records system; and
- COAG Health Services — improving access to primary care services in rural and remote areas.