

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007

Question: F4

Outcome 3, Output 3.1

Topic: Police Records Checks

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Senator Faulkner asked:

When was the department first apprised of the proposal?

Answer:

Consultation with the Department of Parliamentary Services and checking of the minutes of Security Management Board meetings shows that:

- (a) In October 2002, the Interim Security Management Board discussed the vetting of passholders – a representative of the Department of Finance and Administration was present at this meeting;
- (b) In November 2002, the Security Management Board considered a recommendation to standardise the application process for photographic passes – a Finance representative attended this meeting;
- (c) In December 2003, the Security Management Board agreed that a police records check should be a minimum requirement for photographic passholders – a Finance representative attended this meeting.
- (d) Discussions regarding draft policies and procedures continued in subsequent Security Management Board meetings, culminating in a formal recommendation being made to the Presiding Officers on 7 September 2006. A Finance representative attended the various Security Management Board meetings.