

**FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
ESTIMATES HEARING – 21 MAY 2007
DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Question No. 2

Senator Faulkner asked (transcript p. 9) how many reminders had been sent to the Minister for Finance and Administration after the President's letter to the minister dated 17 February 2006 on behalf of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee.

Answer

There were a total of 7 written and oral reminders. The following list shows the date and nature of the reminders:

After President's letter of 17 February 2006:

29 May 2006	reminder letter from President to minister
27 November 2006	reminder in conversation between President and minister

After interim response from minister of 12 December 2006:

15 December 2006	email from Clerk of Senate to minister's office suggesting that final response be expedited
13 December 2006	reminder included in list of matters wrongly contained in additional appropriation bills for the ordinary annual services for 2006-2007 sent to members of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee (minister is a member of committee)
1 March 2007	reminder in letter from President to minister, including reference to Finance and Public Administration Committee report on <i>Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure</i>
10 April 2007	reminder included in letter from President to minister containing further reference to committee report and a matter wrongly included in the additional appropriation bill for the ordinary annual services
17 May 2007	reminder in letter from President to minister including list of matters wrongly included in appropriation bill for the ordinary annual services for 2007-2008

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23 May 2007: letter from minister dated 21 May 2007 received.