

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2008
Department of Finance and Deregulation
Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**



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Topic: Consolidated list of all the Government's election commitments for the Department of Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Senator Fifield asked:

Dr Watt, do you have a consolidated list of all of the government's election commitments for your portfolio? But, just purely in relation to your own portfolio, is there a consolidated list of all of the election commitments for which your portfolio is responsible, and which ministers within your portfolio have responsibility for those that could be made available?

Dr Watt – We do keep what I call a running sheet of the portfolios.

Senator Fifield asked: If it would be possible to provide that to the committee, that would be appreciated.

Dr Watt – Sure, we can provide that.

Answer:

The election commitments for which the Department of Finance and Deregulation is responsible and the relevant minister are outlined below.

No.	Election Commitment	Responsible Minister
1.	Savings from centralised procurement of common services across government	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation
2.	30% Reduction in Ministerial Staff	Senator the Hon John Faulkner Special Minister of State
3.	Reduction in the Parliamentary printing entitlement	Senator the Hon John Faulkner Special Minister of State
4.	Operation Sunlight	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation
5.	Comprehensive Review of Australian Government Expenditure (Razor Gang)	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation
6.	One off 2 per-cent increase in the Efficiency Dividend	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation

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7.	Electoral Policy Election Commitments	Senator the Hon John Faulkner Special Minister of State
8.	Establishment of Building Australia Fund	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation
9.	Deregulation commitments	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation
10.	Absorb the cost of the Future Fund Advisory Unit	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation
11.	Reversal of planned sale of Medibank Private Limited	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation
12.	Review of Public Private Partnership Policy as part of developing best practice procurement processes	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation