

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2008  
Department of Finance and Deregulation  
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**Senator Fifield asked:**

Do you intend to use any macroeconomic modelling to assess the effects of accumulating these funds and then spending them? Will you release the modelling?

**Answer:**

The Government has indicated it will ensure spending from the Building Australia Fund, the Education Investment Fund and the Health and Hospitals Fund is consistent with the Government's macroeconomic goals. In addition, the Loan Council will provide advice to Governments on whether the proposed spending envelope from the Funds each year can be delivered in the prevailing economic conditions without prejudicing the Government's inflation target.

Detailed arrangements for the Funds are currently being developed by the Government.