

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

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**Question: F20**

**Outcome: 1**

**Output: 1.1.2**

**Topic: Ethanol subsidy – Payment mechanism**

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**Senator Conroy asked:**

I am just wondering about the payment mechanism when the minister in charge of it says he will not be putting anything through Parliament. It is a new thing. I am just looking to understand how he is actually going to transact it when he says he will not put it through Parliament.

**Answer:**

Specific legislation is not required to pay the subsidy to ethanol producers. Funding will be appropriated in the usual way by the Parliament in the 2002-03 Additional Estimates and 2003-04 Budget.