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Question: 19E

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Topic: Accuracy of Estimates and Parameter Variations in the Final Budget

Outcome

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice: 4 November 2003

Senator Forshaw asked:

How does the Department explain this level of variation?

Answer:

The variations between estimated expenses at Budget and the final outcome, and between revised estimated expenses at Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook and final outcome were within the target range.

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Senator Forshaw asked:

Has the department undertaken an audit of the estimates process in the light of these variations?

Answer:

No. The variations are within the bounds of the department's performance targets (the answer to Question 19D refers).

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