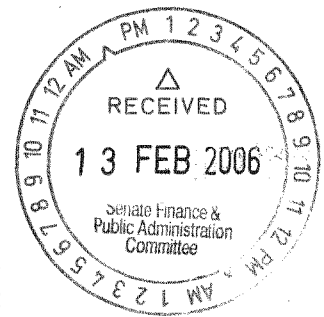




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Dear Mr Sands

**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE
2005-06 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING – 31 OCTOBER 2005**

The department took 51 questions on notice. Two questions were withdrawn (PM9 and PM10) as they were deemed to have been answered at the hearing. One question (PM 71) was transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration. One question (PM47) was addressed by a letter of clarification to committee from the Department immediately after the hearing.

Attached are responses to two of the questions (PM13 & PM17) directed to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The department will provide the remaining responses as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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