

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2006

**Question: F21**

**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: Australian Political Parties for Democracy Programme**

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**Senator Brown asked:**

Could you take on notice to inform the committee about the process of coming to that decision, if all parties were involved in that process and, if not, why not?

**Answer:**

In October 2005, the Government decided to provide ongoing funding of \$1 million per annum each to the Liberal Party of Australia and the Australian Labor Party to assist them in regard to their international responsibilities in supporting democracy. The decision was taken by Cabinet.