

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2008**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

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**Senator Ronaldson asked:**

Mr Miles, will you provide the committee with a precedent for an office holder having a permanent office outside of their own home state?

**Answer:**

In addition to the approval given by the Special Minister of State to Senator Bob Brown on 25 July 2008 to establish his office within the Melbourne Commonwealth Parliament Offices, there have been two other instances where entitled Office Holders have had approval for the establishment of their Office Holder Office in a city outside their home state:

- On 16 December 2004, the then Special Minister of State approved the establishment of an office within the Brisbane Commonwealth Parliament Offices for the then Leader of the Australian Democrats, Lyn Allison; and
- On 19 April 2005, the then Special Minister of State approved the establishment of an office within the Sydney Commonwealth Parliament Offices for the then Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Kim Beazley.