

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Senator Coonan asked:

How many agencies have advised Finance and/or the minister that they will be operating at a loss in 2008-09?

Answer:

Agencies are required to seek the Minister for Finance and Deregulation's prior approval to budget for an operating loss. In this context, the Minister approved 65 agencies to budget for operating losses in the 2008-09 financial year.