

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Output: Corporate Services Group**

**Question No. 5**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2007:**

Regarding the new performance indicators in the 2007-08 PBS:

Does the quality indicator cover the timely response of answers to questions on notice to the Parliament?

a) If not:

i) Why not?

ii) Will the department include such an indicator?

b) If so, what is the key performance indicator (KPI) for responses to question on notice?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The quantity indicator policy advice provided to Ministers, relates to a wide variety of parliamentary workload subjects, including responses to questions on notice.

The quality indicator is that advice is provided within agreed timelines and the extent of the satisfaction of the Minister, as measured by periodic feedback from the Ministers and their offices.

The KPI for responses to questions on notice therefore will be that responses are provided to the Committee in accordance with the agreed timelines provided for by the Committee, and that the portfolio Ministers are satisfied with the quality and content of the responses.