

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

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**Question No. 7**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:**

With reference to page 22 of the Annual Report regarding the “responsibility for the financial monitoring of agencies within the AG’s portfolio”, could the Department please explain how it exercises that responsibility?

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

A monthly report is prepared by the Department’s Financial Management Branch for the Secretary. The report contains budgets and actuals for the period and explanations for significant variances. Information on variances is obtained from agencies, particularly in regard to the impact of variances on end of year budgeted results.

The monthly report also includes summaries of timeliness in meeting monthly reporting deadlines to the Department of Finance and Administration. Where due dates are not met, explanations and mitigating strategies are obtained from the relevant agencies.