Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

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Budget Estimates Hearings 2003-04 - 28 & 29 May 2003

Question: F68(a)

Outcome 4, Output Corporate Inputs

Topic: Senior Executive Remuneration and Associated Entitlements

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Written Question on Notice: 28 May 2003

Senator Carr asked:

- (1) Have any agencies within your portfolio introduced arrangements whereby SES or other staff who are entitled to a motor vehicle as part of their remuneration are able to cash the vehicle out and have the cashed out amount count as salary for superannuation purposes?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) When were these arrangements introduced and do they still apply?
 - (b) In what agencies do they apply?
 - (c) What was the policy justification for the arrangement in each agency?
 - (d) Were any actuarial calculations made of the long-term costs of these arrangements? If so, what were the details of these estimates? If no calculations were made why was this not done?

Answer

- (1) SES staff are entitled to cash out the value of a motor vehicle, but this amount does not count as salary for superannuation purposes.
- (2) Not Applicable