Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Finance **Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1 **Topic:** Budget Overview

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Question:

- a) Can you provide details of which branches in Finance reviewed material in the Budget Overview?
- b) Can you provide details of what pages in the Budget Overview were reviewed by Finance staff?
- c) Did Finance staff receive any information, prior to its publication, of details that formed part of, or fed in to, the Budget Overview?

Answer:

- a) Efficiency Improvement Branch in the Governance and Resource Management Group of Finance reviewed sections of the text and the chart on page 24 of the Budget Overview.
- b) Please see answer a) above.
- c) As part of the normal Budget process, Finance staff prepare information to inform Budget deliberations and contribute a range of material to the budget papers such as expense measures descriptions published in Budget Paper No. 2, and input to Statement 3 of Budget Paper 1. Information across the Budget papers is aggregated by Treasury and reflected in the Budget Overview.