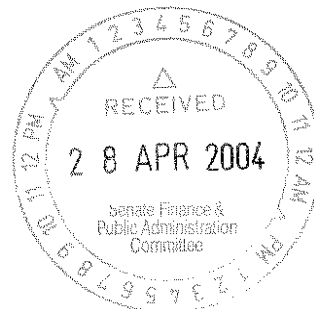




Australian Government
Department of Finance and Administration



Mr Alistair Sands
Committee Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sands

Responses to Questions on Notice – February 2004 Hearings

I refer to my letter dated 17 March 2004, concerning responses to Questions on Notice taken during the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Estimates hearing on 17 February 2004 and written Questions on Notice received 3 March 2004.

The Department of Finance and Administration previously advised that it did not expect to be able to meet the 31 March 2004 deadline for tabling all responses. This was partly due to the complexity of some of the written questions and the amount of detail being requested.

As discussed with Matt Keele of your office, the Department expects to table a majority of its responses within the next week. We expect to lodge responses to the remaining questions as soon as possible thereafter. We will of course continue to keep you informed of progress.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either myself on 6215 3533 or Mr Sean Giddings on 6215 3590.

Yours sincerely

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20 April 2004