

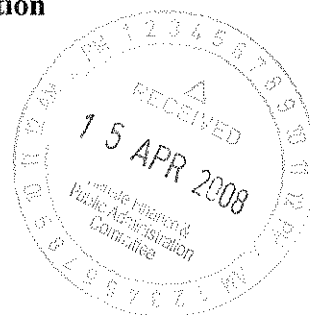
Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008



Question: F23

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Savings measures - Chamber Music Australia contribution

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Senator Brandis asked:

Senator BRANDIS—The next one: Reversal of measure—Chamber Music Australia contribution'. That presumably was a contribution the Commonwealth was going to make to that particular arts organisation...What steps did Mr Tanner take to consider the impact upon Chamber Music Australia of having this \$100,000 government subsidy withdrawn before recommending to the strategic budget review of cabinet that it should be withdrawn?

Senator Sherry—Again I will take that on notice as a matter of courtesy and refer it to the Minister for Finance, Mr Tanner, for a response.

Senator BRANDIS—Was Chamber Music Australia consulted either by or on behalf of Mr Tanner?

Senator Sherry—Again I will take that on notice for a response from the finance minister, Mr Tanner.

Answer:

The decisions taken by the Strategic Budget Committee of Cabinet were made following the provision of departmental advice, and had regard to the possible effects on stakeholders.