

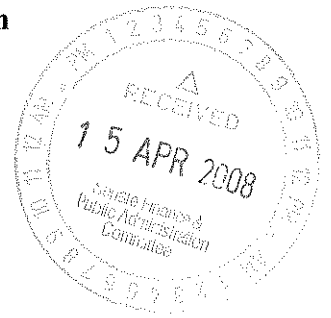
**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008**



**Question: F31**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Savings measures - the Research Vessel Southern Surveyor**

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**Senator Brandis asked:**

**Senator BRANDIS**—I move on to: Reversal of measure—Research Vessel Southern Surveyor. Who was the minister?

**Senator Sherry**—Senator Carr again.

**Senator BRANDIS**—I ask the same two questions [refer to question F28] about advance consultation with him and steps taken to assess the effect on stakeholders.

**Senator Sherry**—Yes. I will look at that, Senator Brandis.

**Answer:**

1. Yes.
2. 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.