

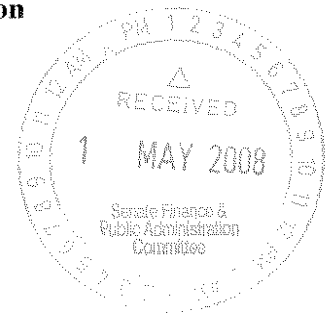
Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008



Question: F7

Outcome 3, Output 3.1

Topic: Certification of Management Reports

Written Question on Notice

Senator Murray asked:

(a) In a similar manner to the answer to QON F6 (May 2007), can Finance please provide the names of Members and Senators who have not certified their monthly management reports for the years: 2003-04; 2004-05; 2005-06; and 2006-07. Please exclude any Member or Senator that has died.

(b) In relation to question F8 [May 2007], please indicate (where a report has not been certified) if in any instances the report concerned is disputed by the Senator or Member, and has not been certified for that reason.

(c) In relation to question F5 [May 2007] (where a report has not been certified) please indicate what efforts have been made to get any Senator or Member to certify their reports.

Note for 7a to 7c: Senator Murray gave further directions to officials during the FPA Committee's 19 February 2008 hearing. [Hansard, 19 February 2008, p. 113.]

Senator MURRAY—May I make it clear that my approach is not to name and shame. I am quite happy for you to pre-advise people that there is a time period before which you are going to provide us with questions and answers, and if they have certified by then, of course, they will not appear in the answer. Let me make it clear: there are only two names for 2003-04 and neither of those are on for that reason, and there are only four names for 2004-05. So really when I am talking naming and shaming, I am talking about 2006-07, which is under the new system. My memory is that it is around 2004-05 that the system was changed.

(d) Please outline what briefing or training has been provided to new members concerning their management reports and certification thereof.

Answer:

(a) The names of those Senators and Members who have not certified their monthly management reports for the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 were provided in the response to Senator Murray's Question on Notice (F6) from the

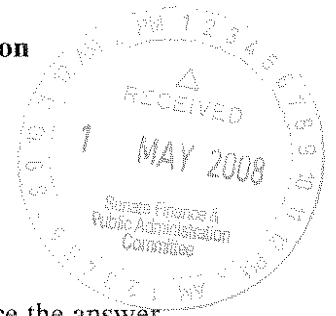
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Budget Estimates Hearings in May 2007. There has been no change since the answer was submitted.

Where a Senator or Member has not provided certification for a particular month, or the end of financial year management report in relation to 2006-07, their names are listed in the table below. The number of reports for the financial year *not* certified is listed in the brackets next to the Senator or Member's name.

2006-2007

The Hon Fran Bailey MP (5)
Senator Mathias Cormann (1)
The Hon Kate Ellis MP (1)
Mr John Forrest MP (13)
The Hon Julia Gillard MP (1)
Senator Annette Hurley (1)
Dr Denis Jensen MP (3)
Senator the Hon David Johnston (13)
Mr Andrew Laming MP (1)
The Hon Sussan Ley MP (2)
Mrs Louise Markus MP (1)
Senator Christine Milne (1)
The Hon Stephen Smith MP (4)
The Hon Warren Truss MP (1)
Senator Dana Wortley (4)

(b), (c) & (d) Answers to these parts of the question, submitted by Senator Murray in writing prior to the hearing, were provided by Ms Carolyn Hughes on the day at Hansard pages 112-114.