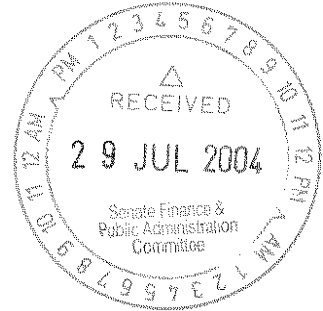




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Dear Mr Sands

Responses to Questions on Notice – May 2004 Hearings

I refer to Mr Keele's email of 22 July 2004, seeking an update report on progress by the portfolio in responding to Questions on Notice taken during the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Estimates hearing on 26 May 2004 and written Questions on Notice received on 7 June 2004.

The Department of Finance and Administration (Finance) previously advised the Committee that it was unlikely to meet the 9 July 2004 deadline set by the Committee for written responses. Finance tabled responses to 15 of the 27 questions on 26 July 2004, and I am pleased to attach an additional seven responses. Question F21 was answered on 31 May 2004, prior to the Committee providing Finance with the official list of questions. The remaining four responses are being cleared by relevant Ministers and will be provided to the Committee as soon as possible. We will 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 Glenn Black on 6215 3239.

Yours sincerely

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