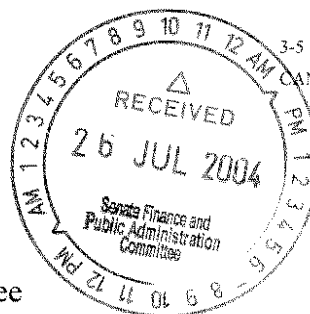




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Mr Alistair Sands  
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Dear Mr Sands

**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE  
2004-05 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING – 24 & 25 MAY 2004**

I am writing to notify the committee that there has been a delay in processing the department's responses to questions taken on notice at the budget estimates hearing. The nature and extent of questions required that extensive research be undertaken, hence the delay. I attach answers to questions PM16 (part b only) and PM50. The department will endeavour to submit responses to the remaining questions as soon as possible.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Ms Judy Costello on (02) 6271 5406.

Yours sincerely,

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23 July 2004