

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007

Question: F34

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Finance's involvement in the Industry Statement announcement

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Senator Penny Wong asked:

When did Finance see those costings—that table? When did you see that document, or did you not?

As a result of Finance checking the documents, were any alterations or corrections made?

Answer:

The measures in the Industry Statement were costed by Finance and considered through the normal Budget Expenditure Review Committee process. Draft media releases were provided to Finance over several days in late April 2007. The final draft media releases received on 30 April 2007 included costings that were confirmed by Finance. A summary of the Industry Statement measures was provided to Finance on 30 April 2007 and Finance also confirmed the costings in that document. A supplementary summary table of measures was separately provided to Finance on 1 May 2007 and Finance proposed one change to the table to reflect a programme as a lapsing programme rather than ongoing.