

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator ABETZ asked:

Was the term ‘significant changes’ part of the document that has just been tabled in advice to the various departments?

Answer:

The term ‘significant changes’ is included in the text of the User Guide section of the Portfolio Budget Statements template provided by the Department to agencies. The User Guide section is a standard feature, and explains the basic structure of the document and a brief explanation of what is covered in each section of the redesigned Portfolio Budget Statements.

As an example of this, the reference to “significant changes” is included on page xii of the 2008-09 Portfolio Budget Statements for the Finance and Deregulation Portfolio, to highlight efforts to simplify the presentation and improve the readability of information for Parliament.