

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Ethanol Subsidy

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Senator Conroy asked:

How will the ethanol fuel production subsidy announced by the Prime Minister in September be paid? Will it be paid through a special account?

Answer:

The funding is not to be paid through a special account. Funding will be appropriated in the 2002-03 Additional Estimates and 2003-04 Budget to the ITR portfolio which will administer funding via contracts with fuel ethanol producers. The contracts detail the criteria for payment, method of application, maintenance and access to records, audit and acquittal of payments.