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Question No. 6

Senator Ludwig asked the following question in writing at the hearing on 24 May 2007:

Regarding the department's PBS in this year's Budget Paper's that indicates that the receivables have increased in relation to the forward estimates in last year's PBS and are projected to increase further over the forward estimates. What is the reason for the increases?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The major component of receivables that has increased in relation to last year's PBS and that is projected to increase further over the forward estimates is the appropriation receivable. The increase in the appropriation receivable is due to the surplus projected for 2006-07, the increase accumulating depreciating including depreciation for new measures in the 2007-08 Budget, and changes in the timing of capital expenditures.