

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

13 – 14 February 2013

**Question: AET 298-299**

**Topic: Alternative Policy Costings**

**Written: Received from Committee – 22 February 2013**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

298. Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings? If yes, provide details of what these costings were, including provision of costings documents, and who made the request and when.
299. Did the Department undertake any alternative policy costings in 2010-11 and 2011-12? If yes, provide details of what these costings were, including provision of costings documents, and who made the request and when.

**Answer:**

298. Treasury routinely provides a variety of policy advice to Government, including costings and analysis on alternative policy options including those raised publically. Consistent with longstanding practice, questions regarding the details of policy advice (including costings) provided in-confidence are matters for Government.
299. Treasury has undertaken alternative policy costings in 2010-11 and 2011-12, including costings and analysis on alternative policy options including those raised publically. Consistent with longstanding practice, questions regarding the details of policy advice (including costings) provided in-confidence are matters for Government.