

Senate Standing Committee on Economics – Economics Legislation
Queensland Treasury Response to Question on Notice

Question to Ms Maryanne Kelly (Deputy Under Treasurer, Queensland Treasury) at the Public Hearing on Friday, 26 October 2018 regarding the *Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Every State and Territory Gets Their Fair Share of GST) Bill 2018*.

Senator KETTER: I just want to be clear: the question is about when the Queensland government first became aware that there would be a legislated guarantee that no state would be worse off to 2026-27.

Ms Kelly : I can't speak on behalf of the Treasurer-whether she was spoken to directly by the Australian government Treasurer prior to that 18 October letter.

Senator KETTER: Could you take that on notice?

Ms Kelly : Sure.

Senator KETTER: Thank you. And could you find out whether it was a phone call or email, if not formally?

Answer:

Queensland Treasury has been advised that the Queensland Treasurer was first alerted to the potential adoption of a legislated guarantee through postings on social media on the morning of October 16th. Subsequently on the same day, the Commonwealth Treasurer contacted the Queensland Treasurer by telephone to advise her of the Commonwealth's intention to legislate a form of guarantee in the legislation.