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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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2020 - 2021**

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Question:

Senator LAMBIE: I have one more; thank you, Chair. Why hasn't the Treasury provided an official response to the letter in June?

Ms J Wilkinson: I'll have to take that on notice. I'm not aware of the letter that you're talking about. Was this a letter in respect of the cash-flow boost? Perhaps, offline, you could get back to us about exactly what that letter is, and we'd be very happy to look at it and come back to you and provide a response.

Senator LAMBIE: [inaudible] that would be the accounting bodies that wrote [inaudible] a follow-up, so could someone give them a reply, please.

CHAIR: I think Ms Wilkinson has said that she will follow that up, Senator Lambie, and come back to you directly. I'll go to Senator Patrick now.

Answer:

Treasury acknowledged receipt of the letter (which was directed to the JobKeeper Payment Review) on the day it was received, Friday 19 June 2020 thanking the professional associations for their ongoing engagement with respect to the JobKeeper Payment.