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**Inquiry into the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
Public Hearing—Friday, 24 August 2018
Questions Taken on Notice
Department of the Treasury**

1 PROOF HANSARD, p. 26

Senator MOORE: I have one last question. You can take this on notice. Will the annual report this year have reference to the SDGs? You can take that on notice. Thank you.

ANSWER

Treasury is the lead agency for two Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – SDG8 (decent work and economic growth) and SDG10 (reduced inequality within and between countries).

The majority of policies and programs underpinning progress towards these goals are administered by other portfolios. For example, the Department of Jobs and Small Business implements the Government's employment policy and the Departments of Social Services and Home Affairs has a key role in reducing inequality and poverty through social and immigration policies.

While Treasury has contributed to the preparation of Australia's Voluntary National Report into progress against the SDGs, the Department has no plans to formally incorporate the SDG agenda into the annual report or work plans for the coming year.