

**Question on notice no. 1695**

**Senator Andrew Bragg:** asked the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer on 27 March 2023—

Does Treasury acknowledge that \$550 million raised over the forward estimates by the “Improving the integrity of off-market share buy backs” measure is a tax increase.

**Answer —**

**Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher:** The Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services - The Hon Stephen Jones MP has provided the following answer to the Honourable Senator’s question as follows:

No. The ‘Off-market share buy-back measure’ is designed to improve the integrity of the dividend imputation system and is not a tax increase. The operation of the dividend imputation system will not change nor will there be any changes to tax rates. The measure will mean that receipts from both on-market and off-market share buy-backs are treated equivalently in the hands of shareholders and will remove distortions between on-market and off-market share buy-backs for listed public companies.