

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Senator POLLEY: That would be great, because what we hearing—what the sector is telling us—is that they are very frustrated that they are not actually getting the information from the government, that there has been lack of consultation.

Dr Hartland: No, I don't think—look, I certainly understand that. We have met with them a number of times and, of course, in the nature of those conversations they have expressed to us a desire for a greater amount of information. We have produced a paper that included the highly unusual step of having some budget-in-confidence material in it. It is not something we would normally do, but Minister Wyatt had made a commitment to the sector to share a parameters paper, so we prepared that. The reason why I do not have it with me today is that it does contain information that could be used to derive budget parameters that are not for me to give—they are Treasury parameters. We are happy to take it on notice, but we do have to take it on notice and check what we are able to provide to you.

Answer:

Please see the response provided to Question no Notice SQ16-000449.