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Question: **AET 3017**

Topic: **Housing supply/affordability**

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Senator BISHOP asked:

3017. [Senator MARK BISHOP: Has Treasury provided any advice to government on new policies to promote housing supply or affordability?

Mr Ray: Senator, you know that the general approach is not—

Senator WONG: He is not asking about the content.

Mr Ray: I know he is not asking about the content, Senator, but he is asking about whether or not we provided advice on a particular topic, and generally that is something that we do not get into in this committee.

Senator WONG: He is entitled to ask process questions, and the topic is so general as to not actually elicit the details of that advice.

Mr Ray: If the senator wants to persist with the question, then we will take it on notice.

Senator MARK BISHOP: Okay. So you will take it on notice whether Treasury has provided advice to the government on new policies to promote housing supply or affordability?

Mr Ray: Yes.

Answer:

3017. Consistent with the long standing conventions, Treasury does not comment on policy advice provided to Government.