

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Additional Estimates

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Question: **AET 3018**

Topic: **Treasury Housing Staffing numbers**

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Senator BISHOP asked:

3018. Senator MARK BISHOP: Has Treasury allocated any dedicated officials to do some work on housing affordability policies?

Ms Croke: Within our social policy division, we basically are across all social policy issues, and that would include housing and homelessness, and there are officials who work on housing and homelessness, primarily in their role to support the work of the portfolio responsible for housing and homelessness.

Senator MARK BISHOP: Has Treasury allocated any extra officials to that subset, since it came to power, or reduced the numbers that were there, in terms of FTEs?

Ms Croke: I would have to take that on notice to compare our FTEs in the division.

Senator MARK BISHOP: Fine. Can you take on notice the number of officials, FTEs, you had working on housing policy and housing affordability when you came to government, any directions you have given in terms of numbers since then and what is the current FTE equivalent working in that area, in Treasury only, under your responsibility?

Ms Croke: Certainly.

Answer:

3018. Not including staff providing secretariat services for the National Housing Supply Council (NHSC), staffing levels for work on housing affordability are relatively the same now as at the date of the election.