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Senator: Leyonhjelm, David

Question:

Senator LEYONHJELM: I have a question on cabotage. At the last estimates in November I raised the issue of aviation or shipping cabotage restrictions and options to reduce them. I was told by Mr Legg that the Treasury is 'aware that work has been done elsewhere in the Public Service on those issues and we have contributed a briefing'. I asked the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development yesterday about this and he advised that they were not aware of any work done other than a submission to the competition review, the Harper review. Are you able to provide to the committee your contribution to this issue of aviation and shipping cabotage?

Mr Ray: To the extent that we may have done work on that question, it would be advice to the government. I am happy to take it on notice to see if we have provided advice and whether the Treasurer is happy to provide it.

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Senator LEYONHJELM: I am relying on Mr Legg's comment to that effect, but I understand that you did not make that statement.

Mr Ray: I did not. It would be advice to government, were we to have done anything.

Senator LEYONHJELM: If you can take that on notice.

Mr Ray: Yes, I am happy to.

Answer:

As previously advised to the Committee, Treasury has provided advice to the Government on the issues of aviation and shipping cabotage. Advice to the Government is not available to the Committee.