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**Senator: Leyonhjelm, David**

**Question:**

Senator LEYONHJELM: My final question in this series is relating to tariffs. Have you done any work in the last 18 months considering the optimal rate of tariffs and, if you have, can you outline and make available that work?

Mr Ray: We would need to check across the department on that question. We will take it on notice.

Senator LEYONHJELM: This will probably be another one on notice.

Mr Ray: I think I know the answer is, no, but we will check.

CHAIR: Last question.

Senator LEYONHJELM: Are you aware of any work or have you done any work on the administration and compliance costs of our remaining tariffs and, if so, can you outline and release it?

Mr Ray: I think the answer would be, no, but we will check. I want to check with our Revenue Group.

**Answer:**

The Department of Treasury has not undertaken any primary analysis on the optimal rate of tariffs or the administration and compliance costs of Australia's tariffs.