

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
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**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: AET 229-236**

**Topic: Report into operations of the ABS**

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**Senator: Dastyari, Sam**

**Question:**

With reference to the review conducted by Treasury, for the Treasurer, into the operation of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS):

- 229. Could you confirm that this review has been provided to the Treasurer?
- 230. What were the principle findings of the review?
- 231. What systemic issues, if any, impact on the effective operation of the ABS?
- 232. How is the ABS effectively aligning its internal culture, people and capabilities with the priorities of the ABS and the needs of its stakeholders?
- 233. Were the ABS policies, process and practices found to be flexible and responsive to stakeholders needs?
- 234. What was the Treasurer's response to the report?
- 235. What actions, if any, has the Treasurer taken in response to the report?
- 236. Are there any issues or concerns that would affect the implementation of any of the recommendations in the report?

**Answer:**

229-236. A review of the Australian Bureau of Statistics was provided to the Treasurer on 21 November 2014. Further questions about advice provided to the Government should be directed to the Treasurer.