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Senator: Whish-Wilson

Question:

Senator WHISH-WILSON: That is fine. I just wanted to check that. It was reported last year that the government is looking to whistle-blower protections or rewards for information in relation to multinational companies. Are you still pursuing that? Have there been any developments in those areas? Does the ATO support that?

[...]

Mr Jordan: We have a substantive whistle-blower process now that does not involve payment, though. So I think there are a couple of elements of this that I will refer my Treasury colleagues to. I think there was more publication of it and a greater focus, but also asking about compensation payment.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Sorry to be rude, but unless it is going to be really quick, perhaps you can take that on notice.

Mr Mills: Happy to take it on notice.

Answer:

The issue of whistle-blower protections or rewards for information in relation to multinational companies is a policy matter that Treasury is responsible for.