

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Structural Reform Group

Question No: 230

Topic: Costing of building more coal or renewable power stations

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

1. Is the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia a Treasury portfolio minister?
2. Could the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia ask Treasury to cost measures such as building more coal or renewable power stations?
3. Has the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia asked Treasury to cost measures such as building more coal or renewable power stations? If so, when?
4. (If yes to 3), how does this accord with this exchange at Senate Estimates on Wednesday 1 March 2017:

Answer:

The Minister for Resources and Northern Australia is in the Industry, Innovation, and Science portfolio. The usual process for a Minister to seek costing for an expenditure measure is to ask their relevant Department (in this case, is the Department of Industry, Innovation, and Science) to perform this costing in consultation with the Department of Finance. As such, Treasury has not been asked by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia to cost the measures referred to in the question.