

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Commonwealth-State Relations Division

Question No: 236

Topic: Response to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee inquiry into inequality

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

Referring to the response to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee inquiry into inequality:

1. Who was responsible for the response – the Government or the Treasury?
2. Which group in Treasury was responsible for drafting the response?
3. Who was consulted in drafting the response?
4. When was the response finalised?
5. Who signed off on the final document?
6. Was this response sent to the Treasurer or Minister for Revenue or Minister for Small Business or Assistant Minister to the Treasurer's offices?
7. Did any of those offices provide feedback or any changes? If so, what were they?
8. Can you confirm when this response was publicly released?

Answer:

1. The Australian Government.
2. Fiscal Group in the Department of the Treasury coordinated and prepared the Government Response.
3. Relevant departments were consulted in the preparation of the Government Response.
4. The Government Response was tabled on 21 December 2016.
5. Please refer to the answer provided at number one.
6. All relevant Ministers approved the elements of the Government Response that were their policy responsibility.
7. Please refer to the answer provided at number six.
8. The Government Response was publically released on 21 December 2016. The response can be found on the Department of the Treasury's website at <http://www.treasury.gov.au/PublicationsAndMedia/Publications/2016/Government-response-to-the-Senate-Community-Affairs-References-Committee-Report>