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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Treasury Research Institute Website

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Question:

1. When was the Treasury Research Institute website established?
2. What is its purpose?
3. Why is it difficult to reach this website? There's no apparent link to it on the Treasury website front page?
4. Where is this website advertised? Who is meant to be the audience?
5. Are you able to advise what future publications are proposed to go up on this website?
6. What is the amount spent per year on this? Are there any additional resources involved?
7. How many website visits have there been to the Treasury Research Institute since it was first established?

Answer:

1. The Treasury Research Institute website was formally launched on 9 December 2017.
2. The Treasury Research Institute aims to deepen our understanding of contemporary economic developments and stimulate debate on important policy issues. It publishes papers on topical economic and policy issues, written by both external contributors and staff. It identifies research topics of interest to Treasury to encourage work or collaboration with Treasury.
3. A link to the Treasury Research Institute is available on the "Our Websites" page of the Treasury website.
4. Publications released through the Treasury Research Institute are promoted through Treasury's social media accounts. Papers seek to reach a broad audience, including academia and policy researchers, stakeholders, the media and the wider public.
5. The Treasury Research Institute will continue to release policy and economic research by both external contributors and staff.
6. Papers produced by Treasury staff form part of their ordinary duties and are therefore internally funded. Externally commissioned work is funded from within the Department's existing resources on an ad-hoc basis.
7. At 1 March 2017 there had been 9,720 page views of the Treasury Research Institute website.