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Senator LUDLAM asked:

Senator LUDLAM: I will change the subject briefly. Maybe we will come back to that in a tick. Of the 138-odd recommendations in the Henry tax review report, about 25 or thereabouts could be construed as being directly related to housing. Has the department has ever modelled, formally or informally, any those recommendations in Henry that related to housing?

Mr Heferen: Not that I am aware of.

Senator LUDLAM: That is probably a bit of a hairy one to throw at you. Can you take it on notice just in case there has been work done that you are not aware of?

Mr Heferen: I will take that on notice.

Senator LUDLAM: Check back for us, thank you.

Answer:

Treasury has not modelled the housing recommendations of the Henry Tax Review after they were settled. However, in the lead up to the report Treasury did do quantitative analysis in areas of interest to the review such as:

- Stamp duties;
- Land tax;
- Capital gains on investor housing; and
- The assessment of rental income.