

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: BET 48**

**Topic: Staff behaviour**

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**Senator ABETZ asked:**

**Senator ABETZ:** Is Mr Adams authorised to give out tax advice to sex workers via Twitter? You have a serious problem here. The minister can lean back and smile but this goes to the Australian Public Service code of ethics and public confidence in Australian tax officials to ensure that they are going about their duties they are paid for and that this sort of behaviour does not become prevalent. It is behaviour, as I understood it, that the Australian Taxation Office condemned and dealt with, and yet it is now being repeated.

**Answer:**

Mr Adams' role does not involve the provision of tax advice.