

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Department/ Agency:** Treasury

**Question:** BET 45

**Topic:** The Australian – distributional analysis

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**Senator:** Wong

**Question:**

Senator WONG: Minister, I will come back to that shortly. Can you take on notice when Treasury became aware of the error in the Australian—I assume it was after someone read the article; who took action as a result; was the Treasurer's office contacted; did Treasury contact the journalist directly—I assume it was the former; and when that occurred? I just want some timing on that.

Mr Ray: Sure. This is this government's first budget, so there were a number of changes made throughout the budget documentation.

**Answer:**

- a. Treasury became aware of the error after the article was originally published on Saturday 24 May 2014.
- b. Treasury did not contact the journalist.