

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Treasury Portfolio**  
Budget Estimates  
2017 - 2018

**Division/Agency:** Budget Policy Division  
**Question No:** 172  
**Topic:** Payment Forecasting Performance  
**Reference:** Written  
**Senator:** McAllister, Jenny

**Question:**

In Budget Statement 8 (P 8-11) there is no assessment of payment forecasting performance, why does Finance not include an assessment of their forecasting performance?

**Answer:**

*The Department of Finance has advised:*

Accurate budget estimates for expenses and payments is a key performance criterion for the Department of Finance and the results against this criterion are published in its annual reports. For example, please refer to page 30 of the 2015-16 Annual Report, [http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/annual-report-2015-16\\_online.pdf](http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/annual-report-2015-16_online.pdf).