

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

2017 - 2018

Division/Agency: Communications Division

Question No: 191

Topic: Publishing tables in word documents

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

1. Why does Treasury publish tables as pictures in its Microsoft Word documents?
2. Will Treasury commit to publishing future Budgets in Word in such a manner that the tables are easily copied or extracted from the document?

Answer:

1. Treasury published the budget papers in both Microsoft Word and PDF file formats on the 2017-18 Budget website. The tables appear as pictures in the Microsoft Word documents because the tables are created in Microsoft Excel. The tables are then 'paste linked' into the Word documents and so appear as images in the published Word documents.
2. The Treasury is committed to publishing budget tables in alternative formats. Every year Treasury provides budget paper tables in Microsoft Excel and CSV formats to data.gov.au for publishing.