

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

2017 - 2018

Division/Agency: Retirement Income Policy Division

Question No: 251

Topic: First Home Super Saver Scheme

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

Can you outline the reasons why an estimate of the actual number of individuals who would downsize was not necessary in order to conduct the costing?

Answer:

An estimate of the number of households incentivised to downsize by the scheme was not generated because this behaviour is not expected to have a material revenue impact. This is because money would be moving from one untaxed environment (owner occupied housing) to another (retirement phase superannuation).