

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

2017 - 2018

**Division/Agency:** Financial System Division  
**Question No:** 299  
**Topic:** Bank Levy  
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**Senator:** Gallagher, Katy

**Question:**

Senator GALLAGHER: Will amendments have been made to it based on the consultations with the banks? I do not want to go to what the confidential consultations are, but have you had to redesign any element of the legislature?

Senator Cormann: I cannot pre-empt that. I am happy to take the question on notice, but obviously that is a process that is still underway, on a confidential basis, as the secretary has indicated, through the Treasury portfolio. Obviously, when the legislation is released, you will see what form it is in, but the way to look at the consultation process is very much about making sure that the practical implementation arrangements are as sensible as possible.

**Answer:**

Key amendments that address certain issues raised during the consultation process are outlined in paragraph 2.25 and Table 2.2 in the Regulation Impact Statement chapter of the explanatory memorandum. These include:

- calculating components of the total liabilities amount based on a quarterly average rather than quarter end;
- including derivatives on a net basis;
- excluding an amount for the quarterly average value of Exchange Settlement Account balances held with the RBA;
- making the payment due in the last month of the quarter rather than monthly instalments;
- making the due date for first payment would be delayed until March 2018.