

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

**Question:** SBT 4269

**Topic:** Iraq deployment - offsetting savings

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**Senator:** Wong, Penny

**Question:**

Senator WONG: Okay. That is a fair answer. Has the government made a decision about offsetting savings for that deployment? Please note: I am not asking you what or how much in that question.

Mr Ray: The government will set out at MYEFO—

Senator WONG: That is not the question.

Mr Ray: decisions and any offsetting savings.

Senator WONG: Has a decision already been made?

Mr Ray: That is something which, if you want to push, I will take it on notice but it is not normal that we would go into individual decisions—

Senator WONG: I am not asking you to disclose a MYEFO decision. I am not asking you what the offsetting decision is. I am not asking how much it is. I am asking a process question which, Mr Ray, I am pressing. I can ask the Chair to read the Senate resolutions again. I am carefully asking the question because I do not want to put you in too difficult a position.

Mr Ray: Yes, and I am happy to take the question on notice.

**Answer:**

Any decisions on offsets were disclosed in MYEFO.