

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: SBT 37-39**

**Topic: Treasury Press Release**

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**Senator: Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

SBT 37-39 - Senator WONG: I have a couple of process questions. Did Treasury fact-check the release that went out today?

Ms Croke: The press release?

Senator WONG: Yes.

Ms Croke: No, I do not think we did.

Senator WONG: Did anyone from Treasury sight the release before it went out?

Ms Croke: Not as far as I know, but I would have to take that on notice to confirm that.

Senator WONG: Secondly, the reversal measures—can you tell me the dates on which they were considered by the ERC?

Ms Croke: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator WONG: Do you know the dates on which the cabinet considered it?

Ms Croke: I would have to take that on notice as well.

Senator SINODINOS: That is an internal matter.

Senator WONG: No, it is not. Arthur! I can ask about dates and times. Jokes aside, it is appropriate to ask the dates on which something was considered. I cannot go to the content of the deliberations, so I am asking—

Senator Sinodinos: I am sure the officials will do their best to help on notice.

Senator WONG: I am asking you. You are the Cabinet Secretary. What are the dates on which cabinet considered the reversal measures?

Senator Sinodinos: I will have to come back to you.

CHAIR: Therefore, it will be on notice. Thank you very much representatives from the Fiscal Group.

**Answer:**

SBT 37-39: Treasury did not review the media release *Revised Family Tax Benefit measures to fund \$3.5 billion child care investment*.