

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000110

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 05 March 2015, Hansard page 60.

Intergenerational report

Question

Senator O'NEILL: They might have some friends that they could talk to about it. I go to the IGR are from today. In relation to education funding projected in the report, what input did the department provide?

Ms Paul: I am not sure, actually. This is Treasury's work. I am not sure whether we provided any input or whether they were working from information which they have had. I will need to take that on notice.

Mr Cook: My schooling staff have indicated they did not provide any data or input. Treasury would have these models based in their Treasury models anyway.

Senator O'NEILL: There were three scenarios contained in the report. There was a previous policy scenario, current legislated scenario and the proposed policy scenario. You are telling me that none of that was provided by the department?

Ms Paul: I cannot answer for everyone. We are here only for outcome 2 at the moment. I am happy to take that on notice. It may be that some other part of the department has. I literally do not know the answer and I cannot expect the schools people to be able to speak for higher education, vocational education et cetera.

Senator RYAN: That is more a cross-portfolio question, Senator O'Neill. Those staff are not present.

Senator O'NEILL: Perhaps you could take on notice any information that the department did provide. Then, could you look at the projections and confirm whether the department does actually endorse the projections based on—

Ms Paul: It is not a matter for us to endorse. This is a Treasury product. We only saw it today too, probably at the same time that you did. I suspect our answer will be that this is a Treasury product.

Answer

In August 2014 the department provided Treasury with Higher Education data covering the period the 2005-06 to 2017-18.

Also in August the department provided Treasury with schools data covering the period 2010 to 2018, however the purpose for this data was not specifically stated.

The provision of data to Treasury is common practice.

As this is a Treasury document, the assumptions in the document are a matter for Treasury.