

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Modelling on the small business package

Senator LINES: Did Treasury ask your advice on how to do modelling on the small business package?

Ms Leon: I doubt it. They have a very comprehensive modelling section of their own.

Senator LINES: 'I doubt it' does not really cut it—

Ms Leon: I am not aware of any request by Treasury, which has an extensive modelling capacity of its own.

Senator LINES: Can you take that on notice?

Ms Leon: As to whether there was any request?

Senator LINES: Yes.

Answer

Consistent in longstanding practice, including under the former Government, Treasury is the only Department which provides economic modelling.