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Question:

Senator WONG: ...I can go to medium-term projections and ask for your involvement in that but, surely, Finance is able to say to me broadly that of the \$80 billion that is in the budget papers how much is attributable to schools and how much is attributable to health?

...

Senator Cormann: You do appreciate, Senator Wong, that at any one point in time there are estimates variations as well as variations as a result of policy change. What is reflected in the Commission of Audit report, as Mr Tune says, was a reflection of that point in time. The work for the purposes of the budget in relation to these matters was done by Treasury.

However if you want to continue to pursue this question in these estimates then I will take the question on notice and we will see how and when we can assist you with it...

Senator WONG: Okay.

Answer:

The medium-term projections underlying the charts on page 7 of the Budget Overview, which show old and new spending arrangements for schools and public hospitals, were prepared by the Department of the Treasury (Treasury). Any questions on the elements of this chart should be referred to the Treasury.