Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Senator Conroy asked:

I agree with you. The heads of Treasury was done a long time ago but did not seem to go anywhere. Is that right?

Mr Murray—I would not say it did not go anywhere. I do not have a great background in this because a lot of the work was being done, I think, in about 2002 when I first took up this job and first started being interested in heads of Treasury issues.

Senator CONROY—How long is it since they first considered it? You might not actually know just off the top of your head.

Mr Murray—I do not know.

Senator CONROY—Can you take that on notice?

Mr Murray—I can.

Answer:

Heads of Treasuries agreed to the establishment of a joint working group consisting of members of Heads of Treasuries Accounting and Reporting Advisory Committee (HOTARAC) and the Public/Private Infrastructure working group at their July 2001 meeting.

The joint working group held their first meeting in October 2001.