

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: bet 22

Topic: Solar Panels

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Senator Fifield asked:

These questions are directed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Dr Ken Henry

1. Did Treasury provide advice to the government on the budget measure to means test the solar panel rebate?
2. Did you personally sign-off on the advice before it was provided to government?
3. Dr Henry, is your salary more than \$100,000 per annum?
4. Can you confirm that, under the government's policy, you would personally be ineligible for the solar panel rebate now?
5. Dr Henry, does the Department have any solar panels on any of its buildings?
6. Are there any plans to install solar panels on Treasury buildings?
7. Do you personally have any solar panels on your home?
8. Did you claim the rebate for these panels?
9. Do you plan on installing any more solar panels at your home?

Answer:

1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes
4. That is correct.
5. No
6. Treasury is in discussion with DoFD (who is the owner of our building) about feasibility of solar panels.
7. No
8. NA
9. I may well install solar panels at some future time.