

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: BET 18

Topic: Analysing Coalition Policies

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Senator JOYCE asked:

Senator JOYCE—Can you provide a list of all the policies of the coalition you have analysed?

Mr Parker—Over what time period, Senator?

Senator JOYCE—Over the last six months.

Mr Parker—I would have to take that on notice.

Senator JOYCE—Over the last year.

Mr Parker—I would have to take that on notice too.

Senator JOYCE—Over the last week.

Mr Parker—Over the last week? I am not aware of any. Maryanne, when was the advice on PPL sent?

Ms Mrakovcic—It was 21 May.

Senator JOYCE—What happened then?

Ms Mrakovcic—The advice on the paid parental leave—

Senator JOYCE—That is 21 May.

Mr Parker—There may have been other requests for advice of which I am not aware.

Senator JOYCE—So apart from the paid parental leave, can you think of another policy that you have analysed?

Mr Parker—In the last week?

Senator JOYCE—In the last six months?

Mr Parker—Yes. We were asked to look at the effects of a freeze on Public Service hiring insofar as it may have an effect on the revenue raising capability of the ATO.

Senator JOYCE—Will you provide to the committee all of these analyses? Would you be prepared to make them public?

Mr Parker—I think the analysis on revenue raising has been effectively made public in the form of a press release by Minister Sherry. As to the other ones, I will take the question on notice and put it to the Treasurer.

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Answer:

The Treasury provides advice to Government on a range of policy options without specific reference to their origin.