

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

1 June – 3 June 2010

**Question: BET 217**

**Topic: Office of the Minister for Population**

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**Senator BERNARDI asked:**

1. Who made the decision to include the Minister for Population within Treasury?
2. What consultation was undertaken in the making of this decision (eg who was consulted, how widely was consultation undertaken)?
3. Why was that decision made?
4. Will details about the Office of Minister for Population be detailed in the Treasury's Annual Reports in future, given that it falls with the Treasury portfolio?

**Answer:**

**Questions 1-3** – These questions relate to the business of Government. The appointment of Ministers is a matter for the Prime Minister.

**Question 4** – The Treasury reports annually on the performance of the Treasury in regards to the support provided to Treasury Ministers, including the Minister for Sustainable Population and the governance arrangements.