

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question No: BET 234

Topic: Coercive powers

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Senator Bushby asked:

1. When will ATO be posting on its web site data on the use of its coercive powers?
2. When will ATO be posting on its web site its policy and procedures in relation to its use of coercive powers?

Answer:

1. This information will be available in the Commissioner of Taxation's Annual Report 2010-2011. This report should be available on the ATO's website on or before 31 October 2011.
2. The ATO practice and guidance for access and information gathering is contained in detail in the ATO's comprehensive publication, *Access and Information Gathering Manual*. The manual has been available to the public on the ATO's website since 2006. This manual can be accessed at:
<http://www.ato.gov.au/corporate/content.asp?doc=/content/51035.htm>