

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Senator Brandis asked:

Senator BRANDIS—The current government, Senator Collins, the government in which you serve on the back bench—how seriously should we take the claims that this year's MYEFO will be released within the next month, as Mr Swan said on 15 October? Perhaps you might answer that question, Senator Sherry. Given your government's flagrant breach of its obligations under section 14 of the Charter of Budget Honesty Act, how can we take seriously Mr Swan's protestations that the MYEFO will be released in a timely fashion?

[Hansard records of discussion between Senator Sherry, Senator Brandis and the Chair not relevant to this QON have been removed]

Senator BRANDIS—And you are prepared to give us an assurance—

CHAIR—Have you finished, Minister?

Senator BRANDIS—that the Treasurer's undertaking to the parliament will be honoured, Senator Sherry?

Senator Sherry—I will take that on notice. I will seek—

Answer:

The Treasurer and the Minister for Finance and Deregulation released the 2008-09 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook on 5 November 2008.