

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
Inquiry into the Treasury Laws Amendment (Electric Car Discount) Bill 2022 [Provisions]
25 August 2022

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES

TOPIC: QoN 2 - Review of initiative by the Chief Economist

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QUESTION No.: 2

Senator DEAN SMITH: Is it true that the Department of Industry, Science and Resources has access to the Office of the Chief Economist?

Ms Looney: We have a division within our department that is called the analysis and insights division, which is headed up by a person that we refer to in our department as the chief economist in our department.

Senator DEAN SMITH: Was the chief economist asked to review, inquire into or analyse this particular initiative?

Ms Looney: Not to my knowledge, but I can take that on notice, if that's helpful.

ANSWER

The Chief Economist within the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department) was not approached by the Treasury to review, inquire into or analyse the Treasury Laws Amendment (Electric Car Discount) Bill 2022 [Provisions]. The department does not typically undertake specific analysis on tax measures.

While the department, including the Chief Economist, has not undertaken analysis of the Bill, we continue to work closely with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water as lead department on the development of the Government's National Electric Vehicle Strategy.