

**Senate Economics References Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury**

Inquiry into state government insurance and the flood levy

13 May 2011

**Question: 1**

**Topic: Treasury mechanism to ensure proper expenditure of NDRRA moneys**

Senator XENOPHON asked: But does Treasury have a mechanism in place to say, 'These are the sorts of things that we would expect of you before public moneys are expended to ensure that there is compliance with the NDRRA determination' in whatever form it is?

Answer:

Treasury issues Federal Finances Circulars to guide Commonwealth agencies in respect of the operation of the federal financial framework, including on how to comply with the obligations placed on agencies under the framework.

Circular No 2011/01 - Payment Accountabilities and Certification Arrangements seeks to confirm the accountabilities of Commonwealth Ministers and agencies with regard to payments made under the framework for federal financial relations. It also provides guidance to Commonwealth agencies on payment certification arrangements.

The Circular is on the Federal financial relations website through the following link:  
[http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/federal\\_finances\\_circulars/circular\\_2011\\_01.pdf](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/federal_finances_circulars/circular_2011_01.pdf)