

Senate Standing Committee on Economics  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Inquiry into the National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024 (No. 2)**

**Department:** Department of the Treasury  
**Topic:** Headcount and FTE of staff working on housing policy in Treasury  
**Reference:** Spoken  
**Senator:** **David Pocock**

**Question:**

Senator DAVID POCOCK: Where is the plan around population? I heard in the ESOS bill inquiry that the government doesn't actually set any net overseas migration targets; Treasury just issues forecasts. Is that correct?

Ms Crosthwaite: That is my understanding. I'm not responsible for population policy, so I would need to defer to my colleagues back in Treasury, who are. But it is my understanding that the government makes forecasts; it doesn't set targets for NOM.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: I'm concerned. We've got so many Australians doing it tough. We hear that this isn't in the National Housing and Homelessness Plan. When it comes to Treasury, there's actually no plan in terms of migration and population. I accept that that's not your area. My understanding is that there are about 70 staff working on housing policy in Treasury. Is that roughly correct?

Ms Crosthwaite: It's a lower number than 70. I think it's more like 50.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: Maybe you could give me that on notice—headcount and FTE.

Ms Crosthwaite: I'm happy to get you that number.

**Answer:**

The answer to the Senator's question is as follows:

The number of staff working on housing policy in Treasury as at October 2024 is:

	Headcount	FTE
Housing Division (Housing Finance Branch and Housing Strategy Branch)	43	40.8
Office of the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council	14	12.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53.7</b>