

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: AET 2998**

**Topic: ABS Population Projections**

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**Senator DASTYARI asked:**

2998. Senator DASTYARI: Without placing too much of a burden on your organisation, is it possible to take on notice, using the middle scenario of 240,000 for population projections, what the population estimate for 2050 would be, based on your model? I do not know if that is something you can take on notice. Your projection at the moment is 41.5 million by 2061, but obviously there is no figure for 2050. I just hold the view that we are growing—and I think it is a positive thing—at a faster rate than the Intergenerational report allowed for. We are around the 240,000, so that seems to be more accurate. Is it possible to ask if you could take that on notice? I do not want to create something that is going to be a huge amount of work.

Mr Palmer: Just to be clear, you are asking for our own projection of the middle scenario for 2050?

Senator DASTYARI: Yes, if you can take that on notice.

Mr Palmer: We can do that.

Ms van Halderen: Yes.

**Answer:**

2998. In the latest ABS projections, under series B for the year 2050, the Australian population is projected to be 37.6 million persons (37,593,636).