

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Structural Reform Group
Question No: 307
Topic: Competitive Neutrality Review
Reference: Written
Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

1. Who is conducting the competitive neutrality review?
2. Has an external reviewer been contracted to do this? If so, who is the reviewer, and what is the value of their contract?
3. After submissions close on 21 April 2017, what is the timetable for consideration and decision in relation to the review?
4. How many Treasury staff are involved with this review?
5. Will external consultants and contractors be required for this review? If so, how many, and what is the value of their contracts?
6. Will there be public consultation meetings as part of this review? If so, where will these meetings take place? What will the cost of these meetings be?
7. Who made the decision to conduct the review?
8. When was that decision made?
9. When was Treasury advised that this review would be taking place?
10. What Commonwealth agencies will be consulted as part of this review?

Answer:

1. Structural Reform Group in Treasury.
2. No.
3. The timetable will be determined once submissions have been received and will be subject to priority and resource considerations.
4. The Review will involve several Treasury staff during brief periods of peak activity, but is likely to require less than 0.25 ASL in total in 2017-18.
5. Not expected at this stage.
6. No meetings are scheduled as part of public consultations at this time.
7. The Australian Government as part of its response to the Harper Review.
8. See 7.
9. See 7.
10. All Commonwealth agencies will be consulted.