

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Question No: 25

Topic: 2016 Census – ATO assistance

Reference: Written (19 October 2016)

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Question:

1) The ABS contracted the ATO to assist with the Census information service. This was on a fee for service / full recovery basis. Did the phone line require more resourcing than anticipated?

2) How much more?

Answer:

1. Yes
2. Additional resources to meet higher than expected demand on the information service are estimated to cost \$2.15m. These costs are yet to be finalised.