

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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2016 - 2017

**Division/Agency:** Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Question No:** 33

**Topic:** 2016 Census – Island Australia back-up plan

**Reference:** Written

**Senator:** Ketter, Chris

**Question:**

1) When the Island Australia back-up plan kicked-in – that is, geoblocking overseas web traffic – did this have an impact on the census.gov.au website appearing in search results, such as on Google?

**Answer:**

1) Once Island Australia was activated; web search providers whose systems are located overseas (e.g. Google) were unable to connect to census.gov.au. Australians overseas on August 9 were not required to complete the Census.