

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Question No: 41

Topic: 2016 Census – quality of data

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

- 1) Does the ABS have concerns about the quality of the data given the lower than trend completion rate?
- 2) Have any other Commonwealth Government departments or agencies expressed a view of concern about the quality of data? If so, which departments or agencies, when, and in what form

Answer:

1. No. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) does not have concerns that the preliminary response rate of over 96% is comparable to final response rates in 2006 (95.8%) and 2011 (96.5%).
2. No.