

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

**Division/Agency:** Macroeconomic Modelling and Policy Division

**Question No:** 475

**Topic:** Credit ratings

**Reference:** Written

**Senator:** Whish-Wilson, Peter

**Question:**

1. Has Treasury discussed with credit rating agencies their approach to the balance of government borrowing for recurrent purposes and government borrowing for infrastructure investment when making assessments?
2. Has Treasury undertaken modelling on the impact of a downgrade in Australia's credit rating resulting from more borrowing for infrastructure investment?
3. Has Treasury undertaken modelling on the impact of a downgrade in Australia's credit rating on demand for government bonds?

**Answer:**

1. No
2. No
3. No