Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Division/Agency: Tax Analysis Division

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Topic: ANAO Report - Treasury oversight of ATO revenue

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Senator: Whish-Wilson, Peter

Question:

Senator WHISH-WILSON: It is hard to decipher here—I understand it was critical of the ATO—but doesn't the revenue part of Treasury actually have oversight on the revenue that is raised by the ATO?

Ms Mrakovcic: This might be a case of my ignorance. I have only been in this role for five months and I was at New South Wales Treasury before, though I had been with the Commonwealth Treasury earlier. I really will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The respective roles of Treasury and the Australian Taxation Office regarding the tax system are set out in the ATO–Treasury protocol available at www.ato.gov.au/General/New-legislation/In-detail/ATO---Treasury-protocols/ATO---Treasury-protocol/.