Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0849_15

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Question

Document sent to Treasury

Senator CAMERON: What level in Treasury did you send that document to? Who did you send it to in Treasury? Ms Taylor: I would have to take that on notice. Ms Kidd: Officer level. Ms Taylor: It would be just officer level. Senator CAMERON: So it went to Treasury. And what was the accompanying note that you sent to Treasury? What did you ask Treasury to do? Ms Taylor: Again, I would take that on notice. But, as I say, normally we would be asking them to look at the fifth year just to make sure. We have made an assumption about that fifth year. Senator CAMERON: The fifth year still came out to less than the 1 million jobs that the government had promised in its policy promises to the electorate. Is that correct? Senator Abetz: Because, as we indicated earlier, it is business as usual and does not take into account the government's election policies and the implementation of those policies and how that may impact the figures. Senator CAMERON: Let us come back, Ms Taylor. You sent the document to Treasury. You will provide copies of the correspondence to and from Treasury on this document. Ms Taylor: We will take that on notice.

Answer

Treasury was asked whether the employment projections calculated by the Department of Employment over the five years to November 2018 were consistent with the forecasts and projections published in the December 2013 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

Correspondence with Treasury relating to this matter forms part of an investigation into a possible breach of the APS Code of Conduct and cannot be provided.