

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Question: AT 8**

**Topic:** *Company search on Aranj Pty Ltd*

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**Senator SHERRY asked:**

I understand from the publicly available information that Treasury performed a company search on a company by the name of Aranj Pty Ltd ACN 075289824. Why did Treasury perform a company search on that company as distinct from the other companies?

CHAIR—Before you can ask that, you had better ask him whether that is the case.

Dr Parkinson—I cannot answer whether that is the case. I do not have that information in front of me.

Senator SHERRY—Under the material provided under FOI, that is the case. It is in the FOI material.

Dr Parkinson—I would have to check why that company in particular was focused on.

Dr O'Mara—I think we need to remember that the material on the public record was released by the Treasurer's office. It is not actually FOI material provided by Treasury as such. So we are not privy to the detail of what was or was not provided.

Senator SHERRY—It indicates that Treasury performed a company search on that company. No-one can recollect why this particular company?

Dr Parkinson—Can I take that on notice?

**Answer:**

Treasury performed company searches on all 79 listed businesses with which Mr Gerard was associated. A number of iterations were involved in filling out the dataset for all the listed companies, and Aranj Pty Ltd was one of the dataset entries for which information had not been completed. The request to conduct the company search on Aranj Pty Ltd was necessary to complete the dataset.