

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Question: aet 29**

**Topic: Zone Rebate Scheme**

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**Senator JOYCE asked:**

**Senator JOYCE**—Since there is a question of policy I will refer it to the minister. Does the government have any plans of looking at a fairer assessment of where zones are and what return people get for being in remote zones, especially in the spirit of helping people in remote areas and in the spirit of assisting development in Indigenous areas and things like that?

**Senator Conroy**—As you are asking whether we are considering a new policy area, it is obviously one that I would not be familiar with as it is not my portfolio, so I am happy to take that on notice and seek the views of the Treasurer and get you an answer.

**Answer:**

The Government considers the current zone tax offset arrangements to be appropriate.