

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Question: aet 46**

**Topic: First Home Owner Grant – No. of New and Existing Dwellings**

**Hansard Page: E63 (25 February 2009)**

**Senator PAYNE asked:**

**Senator PAYNE**—...I think in November the Minister for Housing said that about 5,385 applications had been made for the boost nationwide. Can you break those down for us into how many were for the \$7,000 boost for the purchase of an existing home and how many were for the \$14,000 boost for the construction of a new home; and then break down, if you can please, the total across the same pattern?

**Mr Ray**—I think the answer to that is that we cannot do that now but we can take it on notice to see what we can do. However, it may be that we do not have that data split.

**Senator PAYNE**—A data split between those for new homes and those for homes already constructed?

**Mr Ray**—That is right.

**Senator PAYNE**—Wouldn't you be able to tell if you were giving people \$14,000 or \$21,000?

**Mr Ray**—The states give it to them. I am just not sure what data series we have but, as I said, we will look for you. The data I have are only the aggregate data.

**Senator PAYNE**—I would be very keen to get an idea of where they fall between the two categories.

**Mr Ray**—Sure.

**Answer:**

Please refer to the response provided for aet 45.