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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: aet 57

Topic: Government Spending

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

Senator BUSHBY—What is Treasury’s current estimate for real growth in government spending in 2008- 09 and how does this compare with real growth rates for each of the years since 1995-96? Did the expenditure revenue committee meet to consider that \$42 billion package?

Mr Ray—The number that you have asked for, the current estimate at the time of UEFO, has not been published. Those numbers will be published in the budget, but I am happy to take it on notice to see what we can provide.

Senator BUSHBY—Do you have access to the figures for each of the years since 1995-96?

Mr Ray—They are published in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

Senator BUSHBY—If you can put that together on notice and get that to me and strive to get something to compare with the most recent year that would be much appreciated.

Mr Ray—Sure.

Answer:

Real growth in Australian Government spending is found in Table 1 of Appendix D in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2008-09.

For outcomes this has been replicated below:

Table 1: Australian Government general government sector payments

	Payments		
	\$m	Per cent real growth (CPI)	Per cent real growth (NFGDP deflator)
1995-96	135,538	1.9	3.6
1996-97	139,689	1.7	1.4
1997-98	140,587	0.6	-0.7
1998-99	148,041	4.0	5.0
1999-00	153,030	1.0	1.3
2000-01	176,925	9.1	10.7
2001-02	188,480	3.6	4.1
2002-03	197,078	1.4	1.5
2003-04	209,688	4.0	2.3
2004-05	222,319	3.5	2.0
2005-06	240,049	4.6	3.0
2006-07	253,245	2.5	0.9
2007-08	271,843	3.8	3.0