

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Question: aet 77**

**Topic: Budget Process – Expenditure for Retail Surveys**

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**Senator ABETZ asked:**

**Senator ABETZ**—In January of this year? The government has had at least one month to respond. Were you given any indication as to when a response might be forthcoming?

**Ms Foggin**—It is within the normal budgetary process, which is not due just yet.

**Senator ABETZ**—When is that? When would you expect to be told?

**Ms Foggin**—I have not got a clear date. I might have to come back to you.

**Answer:**

The Budget process is ongoing and not yet finalised. The ABS has been advised that, consistent with standard practice, it will be informed of funding arrangements prior to the delivery of the Budget.