

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

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**Question: AET 3043**

**Topic: Minutes to meetings with external stakeholders in the wine industry**

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**Senator EDWARDS asked:**

3043. Senator EDWARDS: Do you meet or deal directly with the Winemakers' Federation of Australia, Wine Grape Growers Australia, the Wine Australia Corporation or the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation?

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Senator EDWARDS: Could you see if there are any minutes of any of those meetings in the last 18 months, and would you make them available to me?

Mr Hefernen: We will take that on notice. I would caveat that if we have a meeting with an external and we minute it, we would obviously speak to them before—

**Answer:**

3043. Treasury met with the Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA) on four occasions in the 18 months prior to February 2014.

On 18 October 2012, Treasury met with the WFA to discuss implementation issues for amendments to the wine producer rebate. There were no minutes taken of this meeting.

On 7 November 2012, Treasury, together with the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, the Australian Taxation Office and the Department of Finance, consulted with the alcohol industry (including the WFA) as part of the *Review of the Legal and Administrative Framework for Excise Equivalent Goods*. There were no minutes taken of this meeting.

On 15 May 2013, Treasury met with the WFA. There were no minutes taken of this meeting.

On 22 August 2013, Treasury met with the WFA for the WFA to brief ATO/Treasury on its *Expert Report on the Profitability & Dynamics of the Australian Wine Industry* ahead of the report's public release on 28 August 2013. There were no minutes taken of this meeting.

No meetings have occurred in this period with any other named stakeholder from the wine industry.