

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Modelling of availability and cost of childcare on participation models

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Senator SHERRY asked:

Has Treasury undertaken any modelling of this aspect—the availability and cost of child care on participation rates?

Dr Parkinson—The Macroeconomic Group has not done so. As to whether it has been done elsewhere, I have no idea.

Senator SHERRY—Could you take that on notice?

Dr Parkinson—I am happy to do so.

Answer:

Treasury has not had the modelling capacity to do such work. The participation impacts of child care are one of the areas being investigated by the Participation Modelling Project in Treasury, which was announced in the 2005-06 Budget.