

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**TREASURY**

**Australian Taxation Office**

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**Question**                    **BET 111**  
**Topic:**                      **HWI Booklet-cost of development**  
**Hansard Page:**            **E91-92**

Senator **Sherry** asked:

What is the high-wealth booklet that the ATO is planning on developing?

*Ms Granger—You are probably familiar with the approach we have taken in relation to large corporates, where we have developed a booklet that includes a range of features. It talks about the kinds of areas we would like large corporates to pay attention to in terms of risk and what our approach is to dealing with that and also outlines some of the ways in which we can assist. We are looking to do a similar approach to high wealth individuals and their associated entities. So it will be a combination of areas of concern that we have and the kinds of questions we would like them to ask their advisers so that they are understanding and appreciating the level of tax risk in various ventures they may take and also outlining our processes. We want to develop that booklet with advisers to high-wealth individuals in the same way that we developed the large corporate book with tax advisers to large corporates so that it works at a practical level from both their perspective and ours. There is another value in developing booklets like that. It helps us communicate overall the approach we take to compliance with various areas of the community to the community. We are looking at being able to consult on it fairly soon. We have been working on it for a little while now.*

**Senator SHERRY**—When you say ‘consult’, would this be distributed to some high-wealth individuals for feedback before final publication?

*Ms Granger—It would to their advisers more than to high-wealth individuals themselves.*

**Senator SHERRY**—Do you have any idea of the cost of development of the booklet?

*Ms Granger—No, I do not.*

**Senator SHERRY**—Perhaps you could take that on notice.

**Answer:**

Estimated costs to produce the booklet are shown in the following table.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Printing, consultant editor, mailout	\$45,500 (based on 10,000 copies)
ATO FTE Costs	\$82,000
Cost of Consultative Meetings	\$7,500.00
Travel	\$3,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$138,500</b>