

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

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**Topic: Micro Business**

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**Senator ABETZ asked:**

**Senator ABETZ**—Where have I heard that figure before? We will not go there. The ABS has a category of small business. Does it also have a category of micro business?

**Mr Ewing**—I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure.

**Answer:**

The ABS does not have a standard definition for micro-business. However, the ABS produces data by a range of business size measures, including by employment size ranges. One of these is the range zero to less than five employees. This category is often used as a proxy for the micro-business population.