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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Population Policies – Key Stakeholders

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Senator BERNARDI asked:

Senator BERNARDI—Would you be to also take on notice and provide a list of key stakeholders that you consider in this debate?

Mr R Murray—What do you mean by ‘that we consider in this debate’?

Senator BERNARDI—I mean those that you are going to include as part of the consultation process.

Mr R Murray—We can certainly take that on notice. Like every other part of advising, we are not the decision-makers in any of this. The fact that we consider somebody to be a key stakeholder is neither here nor there, quite frankly.

Senator BERNARDI—It certainly is important.

Mr R Murray—But we will certainly take this on notice and we will see what we can—

Senator BERNARDI—It is important because if you say that these are key stakeholders that you consider and the minister chooses to ignore those, that is the minister’s decision. So it is important.

Answer:

Minister Burke has announced that these questions relate to the business of Government, as such fall outside the remit of the Treasury.