

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

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**Question: BET 58**

**Topic: Building the Education Revolution - Funding**

**Hansard Page: E66 (02/06/2010)**

**Senator EGGLESTON asked:**

**Senator EGGLESTON**—Obviously the department's advice was sought about the need for additional funding and I presume the department's advice was that additional funding should be provided for this program. Or was that not it?

**Mr Ray**—That is going to what our advice was. I am happy to take it on notice but, as you know, it would be very unusual for it to be provided.

**Senator EGGLESTON**—We would be interested to know how you felt the program was going.

**Senator Sherry**—I love the way you say you would just be interested to know. Mr Ray has made the position clear. It is advice to the minister.

**Senator BUSHBY**—You could provide the answer in accordance with the orders of the Senate.

**Mr Ray**—I said I am happy to take the question on notice.

**Senator Sherry**—I am more than happy for the question to be taken on notice.

**Answer:**

Treasury provided advice in the context of additional funding but the content and nature of that advice cannot be provided as it is a matter of policy.