

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question No: BET 105

Topic: Costing to include school uniforms from 2011/12

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Senator Bushby asked:

In relation to the Government's commitment to include school uniform expenses (uniforms purchased after 1 July 2011 will be claimable in the 2011-12 financial year.

- Did ATO undertake the modelling on how much the inclusion of the school uniform would increase the amount of claimable families (i.e the "take-up") of the ETR? If so, what is the predicated increase in the take-up of the ETR?
- Did projections ATO undertake any projections to account for an increase in the average amount claimed per child as a result of the inclusion of the ETR? If so, what the prediction?

Answer:

The costing on inclusion of school uniforms into eligible expenses for the Education Tax Refund (ETR) was undertaken by Treasury in consultation with the Australian Tax Office and Department of Finance and Deregulation.