

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Project Wickenby

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Senator Xenophon asked:

Does the Commissioner support a multi department review into the Wickenby project?

Answer:

Yes, the Commissioner of Taxation supports a multi-departmental review provided there is no overlap in what is specifically being reviewed. The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) is currently conducting a performance audit of the Administration of Project Wickenby.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman is also conducting an own motion investigation of the cross-agency taskforces into suspected illegal offshore tax schemes, including Project Wickenby and related activities.

The ATO is working cooperatively with both the ANAO and the Ombudsman.