

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates, 2 - 3 November 2005

**Question: SBT 37**

**Topic: Source Data for Tax Receipts**

**Hansard Page: E37**

Senator Sherry asked:

**Senator SHERRY**—Is the source data for tax receipts that is recorded in the national accounts done on a survey basis? Or is it actuals from the ATO based on the progressive collections?

**Mr Greagg**—That is a question for the ABS, but I understand it is based on survey. We could take that on notice if you like.

**Senator SHERRY**—Okay.

Answer:

The ABS does not run any direct surveys of households or businesses to collect data to compile national accounts estimates of taxes received by government. The source for tax receipts data is the Government Finance Statistics (GFS) system which collects data from each government jurisdiction.