

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Question: sbt 58**

**Topic: Stimulus Package – Treasury Advice**

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**Senator COONAN asked:**

Senator COONAN —Was there anything materially different in Treasury’s advice between it being submitted in writing to cabinet and the decision?

Senator Conroy —That really does go to the heart of advice to government. I know you are trying to be very specific, but I really think you have crossed over into an area where—

Senator COONAN —This is a serious process.

Senator Conroy —We are happy to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

We are unable to fully answer this question, as it goes to the nature of policy advice to Government.