

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION**  
(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)

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Question: SBT 164

Topic: Date APRA QoNs were received by Minister's Office

Senator Bushby asked:

**Senator BUSHBY**—I admit that I am not asking you only. I am asking a number of agencies, as many as I can, because the record from the June estimates across the board was not very good. In fact, we have still been receiving a lot of them in the last seven days. I do not actually have it in front of me but I think, from memory, some of yours came in late September. If what you say is the case, it is probably because they have been held up elsewhere, and I would like to understand where they have been held up.

**Dr Laker**—I cannot confirm or deny that because I am not sure what the track record is. All I can say is that our secretary would be mortified to think that she had not met the timelines, because she is very strict on those.

**Senator Sherry**—Senator, As Dr Laker has indicated it, and I know APRA have a good record of providing answers, perhaps I should take on notice the date in which they were received in the minister's office. That would indicate where any hold-up occurred. Secondly, as I have said in a previous estimates, I do not believe it is satisfactory that answers to questions on notice have been late. However, I would point out there was an election and some weeks before there was government formed, so that—

**Senator BUSHBY**—I understand that. There was advice from the Clerk of the Senate, though, that an election intervening should not impact on the obligation of departments to comply. The date it was extended to was 20 August, which was before the election. Originally it was 30 July.

**Senator Sherry**—Well it should not impact, but I would certainly contend that, given there was an election and an unusually lengthy period before there was a government formed, that would have been a factor. Beyond that, as I said at the previous estimates, I do not believe it is satisfactory but I will take on notice to check the date in which they arrived in the appropriate Treasury minister's office.

Answer:

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