

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates**

20 – 21 October 2010

**Question: SBT 177**

**Topic: Government Consultation of Treasury re Parramatta-Epping Rail Link  
(continuation of Question SBT 175)**

**Senator Bushby asked:**

**Senator BUSHBY**—Prior to the break, in amongst the general questions about the net public benefits test and the ensuing conversation about the NBN, I asked whether Treasury were consulted on the Parramatta-Epping railway line prior to the election. I think you indicated you did not believe so. If you find otherwise, I would appreciate it if you would let the committee know. Since the election, has Treasury or Infrastructure Australia undertaken a cost-benefit analysis in respect of that rail line—or any other arm of government, for that matter?

**Answer:**

Treasury did not undertake a cost-benefit analysis in respect of the Parramatta-Epping railway line. Treasury is not aware of any cost-benefit analysis being undertaken in respect of the Parramatta-Epping railway line by any other Commonwealth agency.