

## TREASURY

### SENATE QUESTION

(Question No. )

Senator Cormann asked the Treasury, upon notice, on 11 March 2009:

**Senator CORMANN**—That was before the increase in the tax. I am not going to waste the time of the committee, but in answers only a week ago, collectively I assume through the department, you provided answers to say that the Australian government had not collected any consumption data on risky levels of drinking. I assume that that has not changed. As to my closing questions on notice for Treasury, Mr Brown was not able to answer the question on the spot; he was just giving me the publicly available MYEFO data. I would like to have an update as of today, 11 March, as to how much additional revenue has been raised by the government as a result of the increase in the tax on RTDs.

**Mr White**—We get only monthly data.

**Senator CORMANN**—The most recent data for end of February.

**Mr White**—We do not have that yet, but we would have it within a week or two.

**Senator CORMANN**—How long does it take to get the data?

**Mr White**—We have actual data to the end of January at the moment. We do not have actual data to the end of February yet. It takes a few weeks after the end of the month to get that data off both the ATO and Customs.

**Senator CORMANN**—I am asking for the most recently available actual data.

**Mr White**—Yes.

The answer to the honourable member's question is as follows:

From 27 April 2008 to 28 February 2009, collections of excise, customs duty and GST rose by approximately \$290 million as a result of the RTD policy. There will be additional excise and customs collected from the end of February to mid-March.