

Question No. 11

Question: Public Sector Debt and Taxes

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Member: Mr EDE

To: TREASURER

1. Will the Northern Territory Treasury be providing a 1991 paper on Public Sector Debt similar to the paper prepared in August 1990.
2. Will the Northern Territory Treasury be providing a 1991 paper on a comparative analysis of taxes and charges in the Northern Territory and the States similar to the paper prepared in August 1990.

ANSWER

1. It is not planned to make the paper on Northern Territory Public Sector Debt an annual publication. The production of this paper ties up a significant amount of limited Treasury resources and publication on a triennial basis is considered to be more appropriate.

Naturally, the government will continue to analyse, monitor and fully publish all the relevant material on public sector debt. The Treasurer's Annual Financial Statements contains statements on both Borrowings and Public Debt and Guarantees and Contingent Liabilities. The principal source of information for the paper on Public Sector Debt was the ABS publication 1989-90 Government Financial Estimates, Australia, which is published annually.

2. A comparative analysis of selected taxes and charges in the Northern Territory and the States will be available in 1991 after the presentation of the 1991-92 Budget.