

PAYROLL TAX

885. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to the answer provided to question without notice 856 on 28 November 2017.

- (1) How many businesses in 2017–18 are estimated to pay payroll tax that fall within the payroll threshold of \$850 000 and \$1 million?
- (2) Of those identified in (1), what is the collective payroll taxation expected to be collected?
- (3) What would be the overall cost to government in lost revenue from raising the payroll taxation threshold to \$1 million over the forward estimates?
- (4) If the minister again refuses to answer the question, when does he intend to meet his obligations in accordance with section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The government is considering changes to the payroll tax-free threshold as part of the 2018–19 budget and any existing indicative analysis will inform the decision making of cabinet. The Treasurer has advised that should the member wish to have the Department of Treasury undertake costing work, it would be more appropriate for him to write directly to the Treasurer for a more considered response.
- (4) A notice under section 82 will be prepared in due course.