

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 523

Topic: Indexing Pensions and Non-Pension Payments to CPI

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Senator Brown asked:

Has the Department commissioned any further reviews on the most appropriate means of indexing pensions since the Harmer Review?

- a) If not, on the basis of what evidence has this measure been included in the budget?
- b) What evidence is there that CPI is a more appropriate means of indexing the pension than MTAWWE or PLCI?

Answer:

No.

- a) Budget measures are decisions of Government.
- b) The Department cannot disclose the content and nature of its advice to Government.