

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: AET 1948**

**Topic: Pay Rises (IGT)**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1948. I refer to the CPSU proposal for a pay rise of 12% over three years or 4% a year – double the rate of inflation forecast in the mid-year budget update released in December. If your agency had to implement this pay rise, what risk is there that this may mean a loss of jobs?

Given that pay rises are ordinarily required to be linked to productivity improvements, do you see scope for 12% productivity improvements in your agency over the next four years? If so, what are the main productivity-enhancing measures or savings that different stakeholders have put forward?

Has the CPSU or other employee representative groups proposed productivity measures or other form of savings to offset wage rises?

**Answer:**

1948. Proposals for wage increases and productivity improvements are a matter for bargaining. Bargaining for the next enterprise agreement has not yet commenced.