

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Topic: GROCERYchoice Milestones**

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**Senator Bushby asked:**

**Senator BUSHBY**—Which was of course the intention under the ACCC as well. I take your point about the special prices and the ACCC, but one would have hoped that the ACCC also had a pretty good understanding of the market as well. You indicated early on in your answers to Senator Barnett that there were a number of KPIs and milestones that needed to be achieved and that payment will be made on the basis of achievement of those milestones.

**Ms Holdaway**—That is correct.

**Senator BUSHBY**—Subsequently you outlined a payment schedule which was based around dates. Presumably, though, for CHOICE to qualify for payment on those dates they must have achieved those milestones?

**Ms Holdaway**—That is correct.

**Senator BUSHBY**—Can you outline what those milestones are?

**Ms Holdaway**—I will have to take that on notice. The detail I do not currently have on me, but they are along the lines—

**Senator BUSHBY**—That is surprising.

**Ms Holdaway**—Pardon?

**Senator BUSHBY**—That is surprising that you do not have that detail with you. I would have thought that in budget estimates where we are discussing issues around payment of government monies that is the kind of detail you would have with you.

**Ms Holdaway**—I can provide you with a very, very high level detail of those milestones and the KPIs, but I think we have already taken on notice the descriptions of KPIs and milestones previously when Senator Barnett asked those questions.

**Senator BUSHBY**—I would like you to specifically take on notice what needs to be met and what milestones need to be reached in order for them to qualify for the progress payments.

**Senator Sherry**—We will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

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