

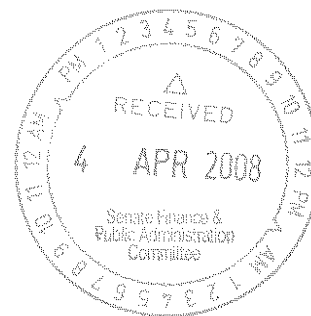
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Murray asked: Senator MURRAY - ...The second question will also probably have to be taken on notice. Has there been a letter to the chief ministers and the premiers of the states and territories asking them to act to freeze the wage increases of state and territory politicians and of all state public sector workers who earn in excess of \$127,060? Once you do that you have got a very large aggregate number, which does of course then have a material effect on reducing inflationary pressures as a result of people not having the same discretionary income. I think you clearly understand where I am going to with this. Could we have the answer to that?

Senator Chris Evans - All I can do, Senator Murray, is indicate I will take that on notice.

Answer: No, the Prime Minister has not written to the States and Territories in those terms.