

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Coonan asked:

How much was included in the costing for consultants for Grocery Choice?

Answer:

The costing for Grocery Choice included \$9.1 million over four years for consultants to collect prices data from supermarkets across Australia, and for the provision of advice on the retail sector. All unspent funding for Grocery Choice was transferred to the Department of the Treasury following transfer of responsibility for the administration of Grocery Choice from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to the Department of the Treasury.