

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Deregulation

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What scrutiny is given to this payment by the department? Which department or agency will make this payment for Grocery Choice to Choice?

Answer:

The Department of the Treasury is responsible for these payments, subject to the provisions of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and other relevant Government policies. In general, the Department of Finance and Deregulation monitors the overall financial position of agencies but does not examine specific payments made by agencies.