

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome General Questions

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Senator COONAN asked:

Senator COONAN—That is okay. I will come back to it anyway when you get your Fuelwatch and GroceryWatch people. At what rate has the cost of employing contractors grown? Has it been in line with CPI, for example?

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Senator COONAN—At what rate has the cost of employing grown?

Dr Watt—I do not think that we would have an answer to that.

Senator COONAN—Could you take that on notice.

Dr Watt—We can take it on notice, but I do not think that we can get an answer for you. We simply do not have the data.

Answer:

The Department of Finance and Deregulation confirms it does not have data relating to growth in the cost of employing contractors.