

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: F26

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Topic: Figures provided by Senator Kemp concerning same sex partners

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Senator Sherry asked:

“... Senator Kemp had to respond to a Democrat request for the costing of same sex couple application to the public sector schemes, but the origin of the figures might have been the Institute of Actuaries. ... I will double-check this, because I am sure Senator Kemp provided the committee or the Democrats with some figures on that.

Dr Watt responded: “We are happy to check that.”

Answer:

In a report issued in April 2000, the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services (the Committee) included advice from the Institute of Actuaries of Australia on the costs of recognising same sex couples in the Commonwealth’s superannuation schemes (“Report on the provisions of the Superannuation (Entitlements of Same Sex Couples) Bill 2000”, page 25).

The Department of Finance and Administration has no record of the former Assistant Treasurer, Senator Kemp, providing any information on the costs of recognising same sex couples in the Commonwealth’s superannuation schemes to the Committee or the Democrats.