

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Ryan asked:

Can you take on notice the number of inspections that the foil inspection safety program at \$295 million will fund.

Answer:

The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency has advised that the \$295 million figure relates to the estimated 2010-11 administered spend on the Home Inspection Safety Program, not the Foil Inspection Safety Program. The estimated administered spend on the Foil Inspection Safety Program was reported in the Portfolio Budget Statement as \$84.5 million (including \$66.1 million in 2010-11). The cost estimate was based on the Government's commitment to inspect every household that had foil insulation installed under the Home Insulation Program.

Subsequent to receipt of the above information from the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency announced that the Government has now completed, or arranged at a time convenient to households, around 40,000 inspections of foil installations (media release of 18 October 2010).