

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2009

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome 1, Program 1.1

Topic: Programs growing faster than two per cent in real terms

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Senator Coonan asked:

Are you able to indicate within each portfolio a breakdown of the current percentage of spending? In other words, are they exceeding two per cent or are they under it?

Answer:

The Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government [8.5% p.a.]; Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs [2.6% p.a.]; and Foreign Affairs and Trade [2.1% p.a.] portfolios are expected to have average annual real growth greater than two per cent over the period 2010-11 to 2012-13. The Consumer Price Index [as at 2009-10 MYEFO] has been used to rebase all expenses into 2009-10 dollars to determine real growth rates.