

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator HUMPHRIES—So you consider that those colleagues who have written to the minister are wrong to assert that there is a perception out there that the government has broken its election promise [to have an independent expert arm's-length inquiry into the current CPI pension indexation methodology].

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Senator Sherry—No, I have not. I am not the minister responsible in this area. I do not believe they have written to me. I would have to check my office correspondence. They may have written to Minister Tanner but they have not written to me. I will double-check anyway. The election commitment has been met.

Answer:

The letter referred to in the question was sent directly to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation, as the responsible Minister.