

The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Committee

May I request a copy of the goods and services that make up the 'cost of living' and how it is applied?

May I also request a copy of that which is involved in making decisions in the cost of 'inflation'? No this is not really necessary!

It would appear that neither of these graphical representations have an impact on the real cost of living.

Wages are constrained, Reserve Bank cannot see inflationary pressures, then why have groceries and fresh produce

risen by inordinately large amounts. My weekly grocery shop has risen in the last twelve months by 40%. The 'farm gate' price has also not risen by these amounts. My Super has risen by 0.6%. Please do not blame the drought as I feel this is a 'cop out'. If the Committee could look to index Commonwealth Superannuation to average weekly earnings and cost of living, then maybe my income would not be eroded by this spectacular amount.

Yours sincerely,
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