

6 December 2019

Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

**Inquiry into the performance of Australia's dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000.**

Further to the participation of myself and Ms Charlotte Rhodes at the Senate Committee's hearing in Canberra on 5 December 2019, I am pleased to provide the following answer to the question taken on notice that the Chair asked Coles to respond to within 24 hours.

**Question on Notice**

Senator Susan McDonald asked if Coles was confident that its processors paid the increase to the milk price to its dairy farmer suppliers:

In March 2019 Coles increased the retail price of its two and three litre Coles Brand milk by 10 cents per litre. Processors are required to pass the 10 cents per litre on to their farmers in full. Our processor suppliers are also required to establish an auditable process which we can then audit if required.

This morning the Committee Secretary's office advised that the Hansard transcript will be available early next week. Coles will reply to any other questions taken on notice upon receipt of the transcript.

Yours sincerely

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