

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 240

**Topic:** Pensions - indexation Budget measure

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Brown** asked:

Can the Department please remind the Committee why, in 2009, the Department considered that the pension should be increased by the higher of CPI, PBLCI or MTAWWE?

**Answer:**

The Department's consideration of pension indexation arrangements based on the relativities between the Consumer Price Index, Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index and Male Total Average Weekly Earnings reflected the views in the Pension Review (Harmer Review) Report published in February 2009.