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TOPIC: Impact of CPRS on food and groceries

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: BI-111

- 1) Is Citigroup correct when it says a carbon tax will impact the profitability of supermarket retailers by between 2 and 4 per cent?
- 2) If not, on what basis does the Department disagree with those figures?

ANSWER

1) & 2) The Department cannot determine whether Citigroup is correct. Modelling the impacts of a carbon tax is a Treasury function.