

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 21

Senator Macdonald asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:

CHAIR: What is your appropriation for the current financial year? If you have it there you can give it to me. But, if not, could you on notice compare that to what you had in the 07-08 year, the 08-09 year, the 09-10 year, the 10-11 year, the 11-12 year? Has your funding gone up each year over the last, say, five years?

Mr P Williams: I will comment on our funding. If you were to examine the total revenue received by the Crime Commission since 2008-09 up to the end of the last financial year, there has been a reduction in total revenue in the order of just under \$106 million in 2008 to a little over \$98 million in the last financial year.

CHAIR: So has it been gradually coming down or is there any big jump in that over the last—

Mr P Williams: No, there have been some fluctuations. For example, it dropped a little in 2009-10 and then rose slightly in 2010-11. But it is true to say there has been, over time, a general reduction in total revenue to the Crime Commission.

CHAIR: Could you on notice give me what the total figures were, starting at 07-08 perhaps and going through to the current time. Is there any way you can index that to CPI for me? Picking the first of the years I am talking about, 2007-08, what I am interested in is, if that same amount had been indexed to CPI over the years to now, could you indicate the actual and what it would have been had it been done with the CPI?

Mr P Williams: Senator, we will certainly take that on notice and, as you have requested, do our best to index it against CPI.

CHAIR: I do not need it to be terribly precise; I am just trying to get a general idea.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Total revenue for the ACC from 2007–08 to 2013–14 if indexed to 2013 September Quarter price based on All Group CPI Australia issued by the Australian Bureau of Statistics will be as below (noting that the current year is not indexable):

	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget
Actual Revenue Received	113.315	105.847	99.459	103.633	101.075	98.348	94.902
CPI Index Revenue	128.655	118.494	107.972	108.648	104.699	99.496	94.902