



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr James Milligan MLA: To ask the Treasurer

Hearing Date: 18/07/2023

In relation to: Fire and Emergency Services levy

(1) I note that the fire and emergency services levy is to increase by 3.75% in 2023-24.

(a) Can you confirm that will not be collected until the 2025-2026 financial year?
(BO p. 108)

(b) Will people be expected to back pay what was missed over the intervening two years?

TREASURER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The Police, Fire and Emergency Services Levy (PFESL) is indexed in line with the Wage Price Index (WPI). In 2023-24, this results in a 3.75 per cent increase in the residential and rural PFESL charge and in the average commercial charge. The 2023-24 PFESL tax rates are outlined in Chapter 3.5 of the Budget Outlook.

The Budget initiative on page 108 is an increase to PFESL above usual WPI indexation in 2025-26 and in 2026-27.

There will be no back payments – that is not how the levy is administered.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature: 

Date: **28.7.23**

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr