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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

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In relation to: Expenditure growth

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MS LEE: Thank you, Chair. Just in relation to the forecast surplus, using your ...(indistinct)...3.42.40 in 26/27 and 27/28, which seems that it is only possible because expenditure growth is forecast to be less than three per cent per year of the forwards, but when you have a look at the actuals over the past decade it is about double that. Given our discussion earlier about using information that has been in the past and taking that into consideration when developing forecasts, when was the last time that expenditure growth was three per cent or less a year?

Mr Barr: We can take that on notice.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Expenditure growth was less than three per cent in the following years for General Government Sector consolidated expenses:

- 2006-07 – 1.3 per cent
- 2009-10 – (0.7) per cent
- 2013-14 – 2.5 per cent
- 2015-16 – (0.7) per cent
- 2017-18 – 1.6 per cent

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA