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Speaker Dutton, Peter, MP

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Mr DUTTON (Dickson) (5.16 pm)—My question to the minister is as follows. Minister, the 2008-09 budget historic series shows real spending growth deflated by the consumer price index. Previously, the non-farm GDP deflator was used. Why has the CPI been used, given that a large amount of government spending is not included in the CPI basket?