

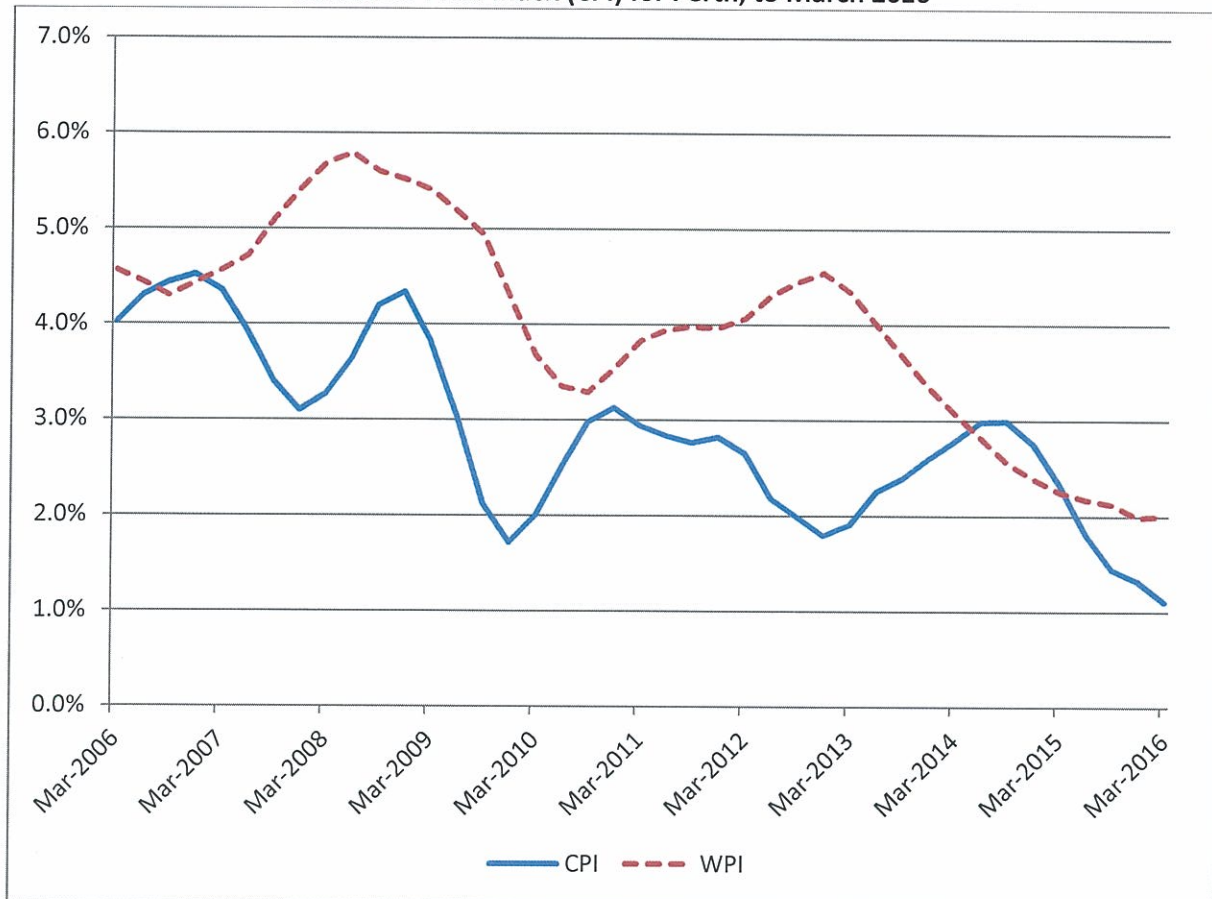
## Updated Wage Price Index Data

The ABS released the latest Wage Price Index (WPI) for March 2016 quarter 18 May 2016. The data included below updates the information provided in the Minister's main submission in Figure 5.

Growth in the State's WPI in the year to March 2016 was just 2.0 per cent and only 0.5 per cent for the March 2016 quarter<sup>1</sup>.

As shown in the graph below, growth in the State's WPI has slowed considerably in the last three years.

**Figure 5: Annual average growth in the WPI for WA and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Perth, to March 2016<sup>2</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> ABS (2016) *Wage Price Index, Australia, March 2016*, catalogue 6345.0, time series Table 2b (original data).

<sup>2</sup> ABS (2016) *Wage Price Index, Australia, March 2016*, catalogue 6345.0, time series Table 2b (original data); and *Consumer Price Index, March 2016*, catalogue 6401.0, time series spreadsheet Table 1.