

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 4 JUNE 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Measures with appropriation revenue terminating on 30 June 2013

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Senator: Fifield

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: Are you able to tell us what the terminating measures were?

Mr Box: I would have to take that on notice to give you a breakdown of that.

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you.

Answer:

Attachment A shows the list of measures with appropriation revenue provided to the Department of Human Services terminating at the end of 2012-13; i.e. measures that provided funding in 2012-13 but no funding for 2013-14.

In addition to the terminating measures, many measures involve reduced levels of funding for 2013-14, leading to the total reduction noted in the evidence provided to the Committee.

Measures with appropriation revenue for DHS terminating at 30 June 2013

Publication	Measure Title	Appropriation Revenue 2012-13 (\$'000)
2009-10 PBS	Jobs and Training Compact - liquid assets waiting period - temporary change	16
2010-11 PBS	National Health and Hospitals Network - General practice and primary care - improved access to after hours primary care	388
2011-12 PBS	Building Australia's Future Workforce - Priority Employment Area initiatives - extension	3,055
	Building Australia's Future Workforce - Disability Support Pension - allow all recipients to work up to 30 hours a week	2,676
	National Mental Health Reform - Health and wellbeing checks for three year olds	43
	Drought Assistance - re-establishment assistance - extension	18
	Drought Assistance - transitional income support - extension	37
	Drought policy reform - pilot of new measures in Western Australia - extension and expansion	105
2011-12 PAES	Clean Energy Future - implementation	-119
2012-13 PBS	National Mental Health Reform - Better Access Initiative - continuation	96
	Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program - additional funding	569
	Poly Implant Prothese breast implants - Medicare rebates	8
	Building Australia's Future Workforce - changes to ABSTUDY	175
	Extended Medicare Safety Net - capping benefits including for items with excessive fees	750
2012-13 PAES	Student income support - Student Start-up Scholarships- pause indexation	14
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - funding to implement legislative changes	2,478
	Medicare Benefit Schedule - removing out of hospital benefits for complex medical procedures	31
Grand Total		10,340

Note: There are other measures with large funding movement (e.g. "Parenting Payment - changed eligibility for 1 July 2006 grandfathered recipients" measure with a reduction of \$29m appropriation in 2013-14 - see 2012-13 PBS page 20).