

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 600

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Carrier Licence Fees

Senator Urquhart asked:

The hearing heard on a number of occasions that savings in the budget would be offset by reduced revenue in Carrier Licence Fees. Was the fact that there would be no net savings provided to the Treasury and Department of Finance? If so, why were the full amount of expenditure reductions claimed as savings?

Answer:

The Department is unable to answer this question as this measure is a matter for the Department of Finance. The measure and costing appear in the Portfolio Budget Statements for the Finance Portfolio.