

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: AET 3683-3685**

**Topic: Small Business Instant Asset Write Off**

**Reference: written - 29 February 2016**

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**Question:**

3683. What is the total cost to date for the Small Business Instant Asset Write-Off measure included in the 2015 Budget?

3684. How many small businesses have claimed deductions under the instant asset write-off scheme since it took effect on Budget Night 2015?

3685. Based on current rates of update, what is the total projected cost of the instant asset write-off measure to its end date in 2017?

**Answer:**

3683. The Small Business Instant Asset Write-Off measure commenced on 12 May 2015 and concludes on 30 June 2017. This measure has not been recosted.

3684. Tax return data for the 2014-15 income year that were lodged by 1 May 2016, states that over 170,000 businesses have claimed an amount in their tax return against the instant asset write-off label. For the 2013-14 income year, at the same point in time, there were over 130,000 claims against the same label.

3685. As noted in Answer 3683, this measure has not been recosted. However, the response rates so far observed in tax returns is consistent with the costing of this measure in the 2015-16 Budget Papers. This measure was costed at \$1.8 billion over the then forward estimates period (2015-16 to 2018-19).