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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Medium-term projection of the underlying cash balance

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Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

Senator KETTER: Going to the medium-term projections, can you provide the dollar figures for the medium-term projection of the underlying cash balance—so a dollar figure for the surplus?

Mr M Brennan: In principle, yes. The budget documentation just has the chart and identifies what it is, as a percentage of GDP. But if I could take that on notice, there are obviously nominal figures for the underlying cash balance that underpinned that chart.

Answer:

The medium term projections of the underlying cash balance as at the 2016-17 Budget, that is, the period from 2020-21 to 2026-27, are reproduced below. This is the data that underpins Chart 1 in Budget Statement 3. Nominal projections are not published as part of the Budget Papers.

2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2