

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Finance Portfolio

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Topic: Costs of abolishing smaller agencies

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: In regard to abolishing the smaller agencies—such as in Attorney-General's, the communications, education and human services portfolios, etcetera, as part of the smaller government measure—do you put a figure of what the savings are next to that?

Mr Helgeby: The figures have been provided in the past on the aggregate value of the savings from those abolitions.

Senator LUDWIG: Do you have that?

Senator Cormann: We might have to take that on notice.

Answer:

During the hearing, and subsequent to the question asked by Senator Ludwig, officials from the Department of Finance tabled the Ministerial Paper of 15 December 2014, *Smaller Government – Towards a Sustainable Future* (available from the Finance Minister's [website](#)). The Ministerial Paper, in Attachment A from pages 7 to 24, lists all the bodies affected by Smaller Government measures and any attributable savings.