

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

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**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** It was helpful that you provided 'Smaller government—towards a sustainable future'. Have there been any new bodies created since the commencement of the policy?

**Senator Cormann:** The net effect is a significant reduction in the number of bodies.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Yes. I am not cavilling with your contention, but I was going to check whether—

**Senator Cormann:** To the extent that there are new bodies actually announced in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, I think from memory there is a body that rings a bell in the Attorney-General's portfolio related to library advisory—something to do with books seems to ring a bell.

**Ms Halton:** Yes. We think that is probably one, but we can confirm that.

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**Ms Halton:** I have a memory that there might be one in the Environment portfolio as well, but we will check that for you.

**Answer:**

Since the announcement of the Australian Government Governance Policy on 15 December 2014, and as of 12 March 2015, no new body has been created. One body, the Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee, has been added to the Australian Government Organizations Register (the Register) since the announcement. This body was created on 13 December 2015, pre-dating the announcement of the Governance Policy.