

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

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Topic: Communications and Public Affairs Functions

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Question:

I refer you to question F20 from Supplementary Estimates in 2014. You stated that secretaries have been provided with nominal allocations and the allocations had been finalised. Could you please provide the following information:

1. Please provide a list of each Portfolio Secretary and what their finalised allocation is.
2. How much of this allocation has been spent to date.

Answer:

1. A breakdown of savings by portfolio is provided at Attachment A.
2. The savings from this measure were returned to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities. Consistent with the Government's election commitment that there will be no further cuts to Defence spending, savings from the Department of Defence of \$6.4 million were reinvested in Defence capability.

ATTACHMENT A

Table 1: Breakdown of Communications and Public Affairs Functions — targeted savings measure by portfolio

Portfolio	Financial Implications (\$m)				
	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	Total
Agriculture	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6
Attorney-General's	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.2
Communications	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	4.2
Defence	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	6.4
Education and Training	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.4
Employment	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.6
Environment	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.9
Finance	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7
Foreign Affairs and Trade	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	3.2
Health	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.7
Immigration and Border Protection	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.6
Industry and Science	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.4
Infrastructure and Regional Development	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.2
Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Social Services	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.8
Treasury	1.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	7.7
Total	6.2	12.3	12.2	12.3	43.0

Notes: Discrepancies between totals and the sums of components are due to rounding.