

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

Finance Portfolio

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Topic: Red Tape Reduction

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

I refer you to question F66 from Supplementary Estimates in 2014. The response stated that \$69.19 million was saved from grant and procurement administration reform. Could you please provide a breakdown of this figure and include:

1. Individual cost of programs cut;
2. Dates the programs were cut; and
3. How many people were made redundant as a result of each program being scrapped?

Answer:

1. The savings resulting from the reforms were calculated using the Regulatory Burden Measurement Framework as savings attributed to businesses. The breakdown of the \$69.19 million saved comprises:
 - a) Implementation of the Commonwealth Contracting Suite for low-risk procurements valued up to \$200,000, which was calculated at \$45.29 million.
 - b) Roll out of the low-risk grant agreement template, which was calculated at \$22.99 million.
 - c) Making payment cards the preferred method of payment by the Australian Government to suppliers, which was calculated at \$0.91 million.
2. No programmes were cut as a result of the reforms.
3. As no programmes were cut as a result of the reforms there were no redundancies.