

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

Finance Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1

**Topic:** 2014-15 MYEFO – Measures for the Department of the Environment

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** ... Turning to pages 160 to 161, in this instance the Department of the Environment, the measures are worth \$76,000. I am trying to reconcile the items in the ministerial paper, which add up to \$50,000; that is \$36,000 for the Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee; \$9,000 for the Oil Stewardship Advisory Council, and \$5,000 for the Product Stewardship Advisory Group. Is the remainder the broader efficiency measures?...

**Senator LUDWIG:** I am just trying to reconcile the figures—the \$76,000 in the measures description, as compared to the savings in the ministerial paper, which add up to \$50,000.

**Senator Cormann:** The numbers between the ministerial paper and the budget update are consistent. I am not sure where your question—

**Senator LUDWIG:** Alright. I will go back and have a look at that. When I got the calculator out, it looked like there was a gap. If you say that they should reconcile—

**Senator Cormann:** Yes.

**Senator LUDWIG:** You can take it on notice just to see who is right, on the calculator, if you would not mind...

**Answer:**

The numbers between the ministerial paper and the budget update in the MYEFO are consistent. The figures in the MYEFO, pages 160 to 161, are for the six year period from 2014-15. The figures in the Ministerial Paper of 15 December 2014, *Smaller Government – Towards a Sustainable Future*, however, start one year earlier and are for a five year period, being for the 2013-14 to 2017-18 period.