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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

Can the Department provide, in table form, details of the top 20 fastest government spending programs? The table should show the total amounts being spent, nominal growth percentages, and real growth percentages, on a year-by-year basis over the forward estimates.

Answer:

A list of the top 20 fastest growing programmes as at the 2014-15 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) is provided at [Attachment A](#).

Expenses as at the 2014-15 MYEFO

Programme name	2014-2015 \$million ^(a)	2015-2016 \$million ^(a)	2016-2017 \$million ^(a)	2017-2018 \$million ^(a)	Real growth 2014-15 to 2017-18 Per cent	Nominal growth 2014-15 to 2017-18 Per cent
National Disability Insurance Scheme - Reasonable and necessary care and support for participants ^(b)	441	823	3,608	10,419	2091%	2264%
National Partnership Payments - Assistance to People with Disabilities	17	112	186	321	1672%	1812%
Attorney-General's - Other Administered (relates to Administrative Appeals Tribunal refunded fees)	1	6	6	6	747%	814%
Clean Energy Regulator - Other Administered ^(c)	80	304	359	421	391%	429%
New Colombo Plan - Transforming Regional Relationships	11	28	28	51	331%	365%
Defence Capability Development	760	1,765	2,632	3,277	299%	331%
South Australian Riverland Floodplain Integrated Infrastructure Projects	7	25	40	30	297%	329%
Research Capacity and Quality (relates to Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality)	82	102	160	263	197%	220%
Treasury - Other Administered (relates to the Financial Stability and small business expenses)	0.5	0.5	1	1	130%	148%
Income Support for Vulnerable People	76	96	141	177	115%	131%
Water Reform	304	380	336	633	93%	108%
Overseas Property	20	19	26	40	87%	101%
Social and Community Services	204	262	320	382	73%	87%
Rural Programmes ^(d)	95	133	187	176	71%	84%
Higher Education Loan Programme	924	1,092	1,377	1,661	67%	80%
National Partnership Payments - Welfare	5	5	6	8	54%	66%
Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging Services and Radiation Oncology (relates to access to medical services and dental services)	80	119	119	119	38%	49%
Child Care Rebate	3,179	3,722	4,195	4,683	37%	47%
National Rental Affordability Scheme ^(e)	168	203	237	246	35%	46%
Sector Development Support	45	37	56	66	35%	46%

(a) Estimates are rounded to the nearest million dollars.

(b) Includes the State's contributions to the National Disability Insurance Scheme packages.

(c) Expenses predominantly relate to the Emissions Reduction Fund programme. Around \$4.0 million to \$4.5 million annually relates to the Renewable Energy Target (Inspections Component) programme.

(d) The majority of the increase in Rural Programmes relates to the Farm Household Allowance.

(e) These expenses include tax incentives provided by the Australian Taxation Office but does not include cash payment incentives provided by the Department of Social Services.