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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

**Senator McALLISTER:** You may not be able to answer on behalf of Mr Hendy, but are you aware of any work in government to estimate efficiencies or savings that could be achieved if all of the recommendations are implemented?

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**Senator Cormann:** In relation to the specific body of work that you are referencing, obviously there are still processes that are underway. I will just see whether Dr Helgeby has got something he wants to add.

**Dr Helgeby:** There are 134 recommendations ...

**Senator McALLISTER:** There are no plans at the moment, though, to provide an economic assessment?

**Senator Cormann:** ... There are a whole range of subsets for these that all feed into an overall effort. Why don't I see whether we can assist you any further on notice.

**Answer:**

The Review examined internal regulations and assessed the culture of entities regarding the creation and removal of self imposed requirements. Accordingly, the Review focussed on removing barriers arising from unnecessary internal regulation and was not a savings exercise. However, efficiencies will flow as the public service becomes more efficient and effective.