

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16

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Topic: Financial profiles for all measures where “savings for this measure have already been provided” or “funding for this measure has already been provided”

Senator: Wong

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Question:

Can the Department provide a list of all the measures in the 2015-16 MYEFO where there are dashes in the financial table, and the measures description contains the lines: “savings for this measure have already been provided for...” or “funding for this measure has already been provided for”, with the year-by-year funding profile over the forward estimates?

Answer:

Measures announced in the 2015-16 MYEFO which included funding or savings provisioned for in prior year Budgets or economic updates, and the profiles of the relevant provisions, are set out below.

Measure Title	Impact (Fiscal Balance)				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Our North, Our Future – workforce for growth	0.0	-0.8	4.2	5.2	6.6
Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy – accelerated depreciation for primary producers – bring forward of start date	0.0	-2.0	-30.0	-25.0	-15.0
Murray-Darling Basin Joint Programme – efficiencies	0.0	11.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy – a fairer go for farm businesses	0.0	-9.5	-9.6	-3.0	-3.1
Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy – improvements to access premium markets	0.0	-24.9	-55.7	-54.8	-49.7

Measure Title	Impact (Fiscal Balance)				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy – National Water Infrastructure Development Fund	0.0	-18.1	-18.0	-30.1	-58.1
Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy – new drought management framework	0.0	-9.7	-20.7	-8.0	-0.1
Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy – strengthening research, skills and management of natural resources	0.0	-21.9	-28.3	-28.4	-52.2
Mobile Black spot Programme – round 2	0.0	0.0	-30.0	-30.0	0.0
Higher Education Participation Programme – savings	0.0	0.0	10.4	10.4	0.0
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area – contribution	-1.5	-5.2	-1.8	-1.7	0.0
Mental Health – streamlining	0.0	47.9	42.5	25.6	24.9
Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Reforms	0.0	77.4	783.2	875.1	900.5
China-Australia Free Trade Agreement – verification of origin	0.0	-1.1	-2.3	-2.3	-2.4
Our North, Our Future – business, trade and investment gateway	0.0	-19.4	-10.0	-3.9	0.9
Stronger Farmers, Stronger Economy – TRANSIT	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Our North, Our Future – road and rail infrastructure	0.0	-31.6	-101.6	-211.6	-195.0
Geocoded National Address File	0.0	-4.3	-8.1	-8.3	-8.5
Our North, Our Future – simpler arrangements to support investment	0.0	-10.7	-13.3	-13.7	-8.3
Funding for Frontline Services	0.0	-7.8	-8.1	0.0	0.0
Women’s Safety Package	0.0	-18.2	-30.3	-30.1	-1.4
Asset recycling Initiative – redirection of funding	0.0	0.0	175.0	440.0	185.0
Capability Review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Strengthening Australia’s Foreign Investment Framework – continuation	0.0	-16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tasmanian Forests – saving	13.0	12.8	10.0	10.3	0.0

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Repatriation of Australian Remains from the Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia and the Kranji War Cemetery in Singapore	0.0	-1.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Refurbishment of the Paris Chancery*	0.0	-5.2	-19.3	-6.9	0.0
Savings for Overseas Property Repairs and Maintenance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2

Note: Positives are saves and negatives are spends.

**Refurbishment of the Paris Chancery* measure includes costs of \$27.7 million in expenditure and foregone revenue of \$3.7 million.