

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

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**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** Is there anything in there that you can provide me which—the information on these link the 2015-16 budget to the 2014-15 budget. That is effectively what you are saying, isn't it?

**Ms Huxtable:** It is MYEFO. It is a variation since MYEFO.

**Senator LUDWIG:** But the difference between 2014-15 MYEFO and the 2015-16 budget?

**Ms Huxtable:** Yes. So at the 2014-15 MYEFO the forecast looked like this; at the 2015-16 budget, the forecast is 214 million more. In 2015-16, it is 824 million more over the four years. It started like this; there is an increase; it ends like this.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Because you get actuals.

**Ms Huxtable:** Yes, but we can step you through that. ...

**Senator LUDWIG:** I am happy for you to take that on notice just to step me through the figures in this one case so that I can understand it better.

**Answer:**

The table below shows the impact of changes to the Family Tax Benefit programme estimates between the 2014-15 MYEFO and the 2015-16 Budget, in cash terms:

<i>Variations (\$m)</i>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2014-15 MYEFO cash baseline</b>	21,303	20,545	19,367	18,049	79,264	18,403	97,667
<i>New Policy Decisions</i>	0	-4	-98	-124	-226	-112	-338
<i>Program Specific Variations</i>	270	214	199	142	824	145	970
<i>Indexation</i>	-1	22	9	-8	23	-21	2
<b>2015-16 Budget Cash baseline</b>	21,572	20,778	19,477	18,059	79,886	18,415	98,301

Discrepancies in some totals are due to rounding.