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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: Ms Huxtable, just going back to the preface of Budget Paper No. 4, there are a series of questions I would like to ask. There is a paragraph on page 1 which says: ... the Smaller Government Agenda, Contestability, Operation Tetris, and the Efficiency Dividends have generated efficiencies of around \$7.6 billion in savings.

I am just wondering—and I will accept taking it on notice—if those could be itemised for us.

Senator Cormann: Yes, we will take that on notice.

Answer:

The \$7.6 billion (GST exclusive) estimated savings since 2013-14 to 2019-20 is comprised of:

- \$3.8 billion from Efficiency Dividends;
- \$3.6 billion from the Smaller Government Agenda and Contestability Program; and
- \$0.2 billion from Operation Tetris.

The total savings achieved from the Smaller Government Agenda and Contestability Program of \$3.6 billion is net savings from these programs.