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Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: That is what it says in the budget document, yes. Could you also, on notice, provide me with any costs of the review and assessment of new Commonwealth bodies—if there are any; there may not be.

Senator Cormann: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

The cost of reviewing and assessing new Commonwealth bodies is met within existing resources. The Commonwealth Governance Structure Policy (www.finance.gov.au/resource-management/governance/policy/) is designed to assist portfolio departments to conduct these assessments and consult with other relevant areas of government.