

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: I wonder if you could provide that. Is it you who does that or is it Defence?

Mr Clively: It is between Finance and Defence. An amount is agreed.

Senator LUDWIG: Perhaps on notice you could just do the current one by operation, so that I could have a look at how the operations have fared—no win, no lose on each basis. Like the operations in Iraq—out of which operation they are funded. Sometimes the names may not help. They may not necessarily point to what the operation is. So if you could possibly describe the operation.

Mr Clively: We will take it on notice and include an attribution as to which particular operation it relates to—the detail.

Answer:

As set out in the 2013-14 Defence Annual Report:

- Operation Slipper (Afghanistan): estimated expenditure of \$970.9 million in 2013-14, actual expenditure of \$735.3 million in 2013-14.
- Operation Resolute (border protection, including expanded activities under Operation Sovereign Borders): estimated \$41.4 million, actual \$25.0 million.
- Operation Southern Indian Ocean (Defence contribution to the search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370): estimated \$25.0 million, actual \$10.8 million.
- Enhanced Force Protection in Afghanistan: estimated \$10.0 million, actual \$10.0 million.
- Operation Anode (Solomon Islands): estimated \$11.3 million, actual \$8.8 million.
- Operation Astute (Timor-Leste): estimated \$5.4 million, actual \$3.8 million.
- Defence Support to 2014 G20 Summit (Australia): estimated \$7.1 million, actual \$0.1 million for 2013-14.