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Smaller Government — Privacy and Freedom of Information functions — new arrangements

Expense (\$m)					
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Australian Human Rights Commission	-	2.7	5.5	5.4	5.5
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.9
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	-	-	-	-	-
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	-3.3	-10.4	-10.3	-10.4
Total — Expense	-	0.1	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6
Related capital (\$m)					
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.4	-	-	-
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Capital	-	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will achieve savings of **\$10.2** million over four years by establishing new arrangements to deliver privacy and Freedom of Information (FOI) functions.

Privacy functions will be undertaken by the Privacy Commissioner as an independent statutory position within the Australian Human Rights Commission. External merits review of FOI decisions will be undertaken by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, while responsibility for handling FOI complaints will be combined with the Commonwealth Ombudsman function. The Attorney-General's Department will take responsibility for the issuance of FOI guidelines, collection of statistics and provision of explanatory material on the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities.