

Senate Standing Committee on Economics**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

3 June 2013

Question: **BR48**
Topic: **Breakdown of Savings over the Forward Estimates**
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Senator Bushby asked:

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The Department's portion of the above savings in total is -\$4.380 million. This is profile across years is:

Corporate Functions savings	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
Total Resourcing	-1.095	-1.095	-1.095	-1,095	-4.380

As RET is an established Department, we were able to absorb part of the increased workload resulting from the Machinery of Government changes and providing the savings back to the Commonwealth.