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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: CRC program – underspends in the past 5 financial years

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QUESTION No.: SI-31

Senator MASON: Ms Baly, have there been any underspends in the program in the past five financial years?

Ms Baly: In the CRC program?

Senator MASON: Yes.

Mr Murfett: I cannot answer all the way back for the five years, but I know that in the last couple of years we have been fully committed and allocated all our funding each year. We allocate a year in advance and we usually allocate the full budget.

Senator MASON: Could you check that for the last five years?

Mr Murfett: Yes, I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

Yes. The underspend for the last five years as at 30 September 2012 is provided in the below table.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Budget	182,782,000	178,983,000	172,728,000	169,013,000	151,204,500
Commitments	182,498,438	178,979,459	172,728,000	169,012,167	151,204,500
Expenditure	182,498,438	178,975,354	172,687,503	169,008,023	37,894,938
Underspend	283,562	7,646	40,497	4,977	Not applicable

Amounts are GST exclusive.