

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2010

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome 1, Program NA

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Senator Joyce asked:

Can you give a list of how much of this \$10 billion in savings has actually been achieved? Give me one example of one of those savings. ... So nothing has been reconciled back to test the veracity of the \$10 billion savings released on 22 November 2007?

Answer:

The following tables list savings costed under the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998* prior to the 2007 Federal Election and as published in 2008-09 Budget Paper 2. One election costing item was published in the 2009-10 MYEFO. Savings from these items total approximately \$10.3 billion over the period 2007-08 to 2010-11.

Election Costing Item	Title as published in 2008-09 or 2009-10 MYEFO	Total: 2007-08 to 2010-11 \$m
Remove Tax Deductibility for Political Donations from 1 July 2008	Political donations — removing tax deductibility	20.4
Labor's Tax Plan for the Future: Defer until beyond 2010-11 reduction in top tax rate from 45% (and FBT rate from 46.5%) for taxpayers earning over \$180,000	Personal income tax cuts — tax plan for Australia's future	3,150.0
Partially Reverse DFAT - Budget Sustainability Measure	Responsible Economic Management — Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - budget sustainability	20.0
MPs and Senators Printing Allowance - Reduction from 1 July 2008	Responsible Economic Management — Parliamentarians' printing entitlement — reduction	20.1

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Reducing the Number of Ministerial Staff by 30 per cent (Ministerial and Opposition personal staff)	Responsible Economic Management — Ministerial and Opposition Staff — 30 per cent reduction	98.6
Work Skills Vouchers - abolition	Responsible Economic Management — Skills for the Future — work skills vouchers	587.7
National Capital Authority - reduction in funding	Responsible Economic Management — National Capital Authority — streamlining responsibilities	12.3
Green Vouchers - abolition	Responsible Economic Management — Green Vouchers for Schools	334.3
Commercial Ready - use uncommitted funding as offsets	Responsible Economic Management — Commercial Ready	547.2
Dental treatment - enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic and complex conditions - reversal of measures	Responsible Economic Management — Dental treatment — enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic conditions and complex conditions	369.3
Carrick Institute - reduction in funding	Responsible Economic Management — Carrick Institute	5.4
Increase funding for ATO Compliance Dividend	Increased funding for the Australian Taxation Office compliance dividend	1,005.7
Global Integration - Australian Industry Productivity Centres - reversal of measure to use as offsets	Responsible Economic Management — Australian Industry Productivity Centres	121.2
Clinical Training for Enrolled Nurses - reversal of measure	Responsible Economic Management — clinical training for enrolled nurses	134.9
Close Nauru and Manus Island Detention Centres	Responsible Economic Management — Offshore processing centres in Nauru and Manus Province — closure	51.5
Abolition of the Access Card	Responsible Economic Management — Access Card	1,061.2

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Institute for Trade Skill Excellence - discontinue funding	Responsible Economic Management — Institute for Trade Skills Excellence	16.0
National Nanotechnology Strategy - ceases from 1 July 2009	Responsible Economic Management — National Nanotechnology Strategy	11.7
MRI - Improved Access - reversal of measure	Responsible Economic Management — Magnetic Resonance Imaging — improved access	39.9
Extending Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business - reversal of measure	Responsible Economic Management — Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business Program	10.6
Financial Literacy Foundation - use remaining funding as offset	Responsible Economic Management — Financial Literacy Foundation — transfer	13.5
DHS Additional Funding - reverse measure	Responsible Economic Management — Human Services — departmental funding	10.5
Fold Invest Australia functions into Austrade	Responsible Economic Management — Invest Australia functions — merge into Austrade	84.5
Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate - do not extend funding	Responsible Economic Management — Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate	49.6
Abolish Electronic Authentication, Validation and Notary Services initiative	Responsible Economic Management — Electronic Authentication and Verification	17.6
Absorb Future Fund Advisory Unit	Responsible Economic Management — Future Fund Advisory Unit	2.5
One-off Efficiency Dividend of 2 per cent	Responsible Economic Management — Efficiency Dividend	1,338.8
Do Not Call Register - Change from partial to full cost recovery	Responsible Economic Management — Do Not Call Register — cost recovery	3.3
Digital Action Plan - reverse measure	Responsible Economic Management — Digital Action Plan	15.7

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Australia-China FTA - continuation of negotiations - reverse measure	Responsible Economic Management — Australia-China Free Trade Agreement — departmental funding	9.6
Health and Medical Investment Fund - redirect funding for offsets	Responsible Economic Management — Health and Medical Investment Fund	226.2
Better Access to Oncology - reduce funding	Responsible Economic Management — Radiation oncology — redirect funds to establish oncology facilities in Cairns and Lismore	15.3
Business Skill Vouchers for Apprentices - discontinue	Responsible Economic Management — Skills for the Future — business skills vouchers for apprentices	9.9
Tasmanian Health Services Infrastructure - reverse measure	Responsible Economic Management — Tasmanian Health Services Infrastructure	35.1
Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program - abolish	Responsible Economic Management — Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program	6.0
Fairer and Flexible Industrial Relations System	Responsible Economic Management — A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	286.1
Family Trust Changes - reversal	Family trusts — savings measure	18.0
Onshore Assistance component of Securing our Fishing Future - reduce funding	Responsible Economic Management — Onshore Assistance of Fisheries Adjustment Package	5.5
Advancing Australia - FarmBis - abolish	Responsible Economic Management — Advancing Australia — FarmBis	28.0
Australia on the World Stage - Enhancement - reverse measure	Responsible Economic Management — Australia on the World Stage — enhancement	19.0
Global Integration - Food Innovation Grants Program - abolish	Responsible Economic Management — National Food Industry Strategy — Food Innovation Grants	49.5
Agriculture Advancing Australia - Farmhelp Program - abolish	Responsible Economic Management — Advancing Australia — FarmHelp	79.0

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Introduction of Whole of Government procurement for common Government services	1) Commonwealth Property Management Framework - identification of savings* 2) Desktop computing equipment - whole-of-government coordinated procurement* 3) Telecommunications services - whole-of-government coordinated procurement*	52.2
Total		9,993.4

* Published in the 2009-10 MYEFO

The following table lists savings that were not costed under the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998* but were published in the 2008-09 Budget Paper 2.

Title as Published	Total: 2007-08 to 2010-11 \$m
Responsible Economic Management - Advancing Australia - Advancing Agricultural Industries	24.2
Responsible Economic Management - Australian Technical Colleges - rationalisation	81.3
Responsible Economic Management - Community Business Partnership - abolition	1.2
Responsible Economic Management - Defeating the Weed Menace	0.3
Responsible Economic Management - Government Communication Unit - abolition	7.3
Responsible Economic Management - Healthy Active Australia - promoting healthy living	2.1
Responsible Economic Management - Medibank Private Ltd - not proceeding with sale	165.3
Responsible Economic Management - New Industries Development Program	6.6
Responsible Economic Management - Parliamentary Local Liaison Officers	1.6
Responsible Economic Management - Regulations for Private Rulings requiring valuations	30.2
Total	320.1

Totals (\$m):

Election Costing Items	9,993.4
Non-Election Costing Items	320.1
Combined Total	10,313.5