

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011

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Senator: Senator Matthias Cormann

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Question:

Senator CORMANN—During the election, the department ticked off on election costings by the government. Have there been any changes to any of those costings from the election period to MYEFO?

Mr Tune—I would have to take it on notice and check.

Senator Wong—Insofar as there are any changes to costings for election commitments outlined in MYEFO, those costings would be reflected in the MYEFO costings.

Senator CORMANN—Mr Tune, would you be able to provide us on notice with a detailed breakdown of any of the costings that changed between the election period and MYEFO?

Mr Tune—I think I can, but I would like to clarify what you are asking.....

Senator CORMANN—The question is about anything that has been recosted since the election.

Mr Tune—That is what I was trying to clarify.

Senator CORMANN—Obviously things that you have not recosted, I am not requiring.

Answer:

There were eight measures where costings changed between those done in the election period and those published in MYEFO. Refer to Attachment A.

Code	Costing Title	Election costing profile					Recosted profile					Reason for change
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total	
GOV08	Tax Breaks for Green Buildings	-3.9	-5.8	-2.8	-2.0	-14.6	-2.9	-4.0	-4.0	-3.6	-14.5	Revised profile.
GOV16	Climate Change Commission	-1.2	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-6.0	-0.8	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-5.6	The \$0.4m reduction contributed to offsetting the \$2.6m Study Into Effective Carbon Prices in Key Economies.
GOV04	Connecting Renewables - Connecting to the Grid	15.0	25.0	30.0	30.0	100.0	1.0	2.0	48.0	49.0	100.0	Revised profile, with same level of spending across the forward estimates.
GOV15	Encouraging visitors to Australia to stay longer and spend more - National Long Term Tourism Strategy - additional funding	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	6.0	-	1.4	1.4	1.4	4.2	Funding now starting in 2011-12. Cost in 2014-15 is \$1.8 million which brings four year cost to \$6.0 million, consistent with election costing.
	Encouraging visitors to Australia to stay longer and spend more - TQUAL Grants - extension	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	40.0	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	30.0	Funding now starting in the 2011-12. Cost in 2014-15 is \$10 million which brings four year cost to \$40.0 million, consistent with election costing.
GOV 5	Fair Entitlement Guarantee (FEG)	-11.6	-15.1	-16.9	-17.2	-60.8	-10.1	-15.1	-16.9	-17.2	-59.3	Implementation later than anticipated but still in 2010-11. Accordingly, funding in 2010-11 lower.
GOV51	National Plan to Reduce violence against women and their children 2010-22	-0.5	12.2	6	9.5	27.2	-0.5	11.7	6	9.5	26.7	When consulted as part of the MYEFO costings process, the relevant agency advised that the measure could be delivered at slightly lower cost.
GOV19	Supported Accommodation for People with a Disability	-	8	26	26	60	0.3	8	26	25.7	60	Revised profile but same savings across the forward estimates.
GOV34	Reduced government advertising	15	15	15	15	60	44	7	4.5	4.5	60	Revised profile but same savings across the forward estimates.