

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Cormann

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Question:

Senator CORMANN: No, the question is not about announcements. I think Mr Tune is very clear on what my question is. My question is whether there have been any further spending decisions—that is, decisions that relate directly back to the responsibility of the finance department—since the government has given up on its promise of a surplus in 2012-13.

Mr Tune: I do not know the answer to that. We would have to go back and check what is in there and compare that to be announcements that have been made by the government since the Treasurer's statement.

Senator CORMANN: If you could take it on notice that would be great.

Answer:

There have been further decisions taken by the Government since the Treasurer announced that a surplus was unlikely in 2012-13. A full list of all spending and savings decisions taken since the 2012-13 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook will be published in the 2013-14 Budget.