

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator the Hon Abetz

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Question:

Senator ABETZ: But that is the administration. The decision was made in Prime Minister and Cabinet. Now, another portfolio has to administer this decision to cut \$5.6 million from the testing and research component of the Illicit Drugs in Sports (IDIS) Program.

Senator Conroy: You would need to put any questions to the relevant ministers.

Senator ABETZ: Yes, but why was this decision made by Prime Minister and Cabinet in the 2011-12 budget?....

Senator ABETZ: Senator Fifield wants to know whether these savings from this measure will be directed to the Australian Crime Commission. Minister, as representing the Prime Minister, responsible for overall government policies?

Senator Conroy: I am happy to take on notice?

Answer:

Savings from Budget measures are not hypothecated to particular spending measures.