

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearings 2003-04 – 28 & 29 May 2003

Question: F22, F23

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: A Safer Australia package – savings measures in the 2003-04 Budget

Hansard Page: F&PA 325, 340

Senator Ray asked:

With the exception of the parliamentary departments, what are the savings measures that have been instituted to fund this \$321 million? What savings measures, other than for the parliamentary departments, have been made to fund these? (F&PA 325)

You have prompted another question: in the out years? (F&PA 340)

Answer:

Total savings or offsets related to the domestic security over the period 2002-03 to 2004-05, excluding the Parliamentary Departments, are \$55.8 million.

As the Secretary advised the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 28 May 2003 (F&PA 339), these savings and offsets are set out in the table below:

Portfolio	Offsets within measure	Savings / Offsets (\$m)			
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Total
Defence	Operation SAFEBASE	0.0	14.8	3.9	18.7
Attorney-General's	Increased use of x-ray facilities for shipping container inspections	0.0	7.8	7.8	15.6
Attorney-General's	Enhanced Diplomatic and Australian Office Holder guarding	5.7	7.9	7.9	21.5
Total		5.7	30.5	19.6	55.8