

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Asked By: Senator Bernardi

Topic: Programs that exceed the current budget

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Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to exceed their current budget? If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up)

Answer:

There is no indication that any of the portfolio's programs will exceed their current budget allocation.

There is the potential for some agencies to report technical accounting losses in regards to increased depreciation expense following a revaluation of assets, changes in accounting policy or timing differences between when appropriation is received and when it is spent. These have no impact on program delivery or financial sustainability.