

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Outcome: 1

Topic: Underspend

Senator: BERNARDI

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

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Answer:

There may be small underspends in the Jobs Fund – National Bike Path Projects and Regional Partnership programs due to a small number of proponents withdrawing their applications and/or project underspends; however, the extent of the underspend cannot be determined until all projects are completed.