

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Topic: Costings for the Minerals Resource Rent Tax and the Clean Energy Future Package

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Question:

Provide costings for all the expenditure over each of the forward estimates to 2015-16 on both an underlying cash basis and fiscal basis, to the following items linked to the MRRT and Carbon Tax:

MRRT

- Superannuation Guarantee Increase from 9 to 12%
- Low income government superannuation contribution (\$500 tax rebate)
- Higher superannuation caps for people aged 50 or more with a superannuation balance of less than \$500,000
- Instant asset write-off for small business (\$5,000 threshold)
- Phasing down interest withholding tax on financial institutions
- Regional Infrastructure Fund
- Expanding the definition of exploration to include geothermal energy
- Supplementary income support for low income earners
- Increase in the rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Tax loss carry-back
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax — adoption of recommendations of the Policy Transition Group
- Accelerated Depreciation on Motor Vehicles (\$5,000 upfront deduction)
- Resource exploration refundable tax offset
- Exemption Threshold increase

Carbon Tax

(As announced in the 2011-12 MYEFO, listed by Department as these expenditure items appeared in the 2011-12 MYEFO)

Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry

- Creating opportunities on the land - extending the benefits of the carbon farming initiative

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Climate Change & Energy Efficiency

- Supporting energy markets - energy security fund
- Creating opportunities on the land - extending the benefits of the carbon farming initiative
- Creating opportunities on the land - Carbon farming initiative (CFI non-Kyoto carbon fund plus carbon farming skills initiative)
- Creating opportunities on the land - Carbon farming initiative (linking the CFI with the carbon tax)
- Governance - Clean Energy Regulator
- Supporting jobs - jobs and competitiveness program
- Governance - climate change authority
- Creating opportunities on the land - natural resource management for climate change
- Improving energy efficiency
- Improving energy efficiency - household advice
- Improving energy efficiency - low carbon communities
- Putting a price on pollution - voluntary action pledge fund and Green power purchases
- Supporting jobs - energy efficiency information grants

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

- Helping households - increased payments
- Supporting jobs - clean energy skills package

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

- Helping households - increased payments
- Improving energy efficiency - low carbon communities
- Renewable energy - remote indigenous energy program
- Helping households - Essential Medical Equipment Payment

Finance and Deregulation

- Governance - Clean Energy Regulator

Health and Ageing

- Helping households - residential aged care

Human Services

- Helping households - increased payments

Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

- Supporting jobs - steel transformation plan
- Supporting jobs - clean technology focus for supply chain programs
- Supporting jobs - clean technology program

Resources Energy and Tourism

- Improving energy efficiency (Dept exp)
- Closure of emissions-intensive electricity generation capacity
- Improving energy efficiency - energy efficiency opportunities program

- Innovation in renewable energy - Australian renewable energy agency
- Supporting jobs - coal mining

Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

- Supporting jobs - helping communities and regions

Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

- Creating opportunities on the land - extending the benefits of the carbon farming initiative
- Creating opportunities on the land - natural resource management for climate change
- Creating opportunities on the land - biodiversity fund
- Putting a price on pollution - synthetic greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances (related expense)
- Compliance

Treasury

- Helping households - tax cuts
- Supporting jobs - increase in the instant asset write-off threshold to \$6,500
- Clean Energy Finance Corporation
- Supporting energy markets - energy security fund
- Creating opportunities on the land - extending the benefits of the carbon farming initiative (ATO)
- Improving energy efficiency (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
- Putting a price on pollution - revenue from sale of carbon units (related expense)
- Supporting energy markets - energy security council
- Governance - Productivity Commission reviews
- Impact of automatic CPI indexation of household assistance payments

Veteran's Affairs

- Helping households - increased payments
- Helping households - residential aged care
- Helping households - Essential Medical Equipment Payment

Answer:

The above questions directly replicate Senate Questions on Notice 2502 and 2503, which were asked of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 2 November 2012 and subsequently transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 7 November 2012 for a response (Senate Notice Paper No. 121 - 19/11/2012 refers).

The questions will be answered in response to Senate Questions on Notice 2502 and 2503 in due course.