

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: BET 34**

**Topic: Chart 1: Making Room for the National Plan for School Improvement & DisabilityCare Australia**

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**Senator FIFIELD asked:**

**Senator FIFIELD:** Mr Ray, I might just return to the helpful document you provided at the start of proceedings today and try my luck. This relates to chart 3, 'DisabilityCare Australia' on the last page of the document. There is a category 'Other long-term savings' of \$20.6 billion for 2013-14 to 2022-23. Are you able to further disaggregate that by each of the measures there over the time scale?

**Mr Ray:** The short answer is no, because for one of those measures we cannot tell you at all what the out numbers are, and that is the change to the indexation of tobacco excise. So, the short answer is that we cannot disaggregate it because of that. But, more broadly, we are happy to take it on notice to see if we can provide you with more detail.

**Senator FIFIELD:** Yes, that would be good if you could. You have helpfully done that for other measures in the table above, and this category of other long-term savings of \$20.6 billion is the biggest savings category.

**Senator Wong:** No—the disability care fund—

**Senator FIFIELD:** Sorry, I mean it is the biggest savings category of those below the table there.

**Senator Wong:** Other than the draw-down from the fund, which is the primary funding.

**Senator FIFIELD:** I am putting the actual fund to one side—apart from the new tax base which has created the actual savings.

**Senator Wong:** But you are supporting.

**Senator FIFIELD:** Of course!

**Mr Ray:** I am happy to take it on notice, Senator. I can say that we will not be able to provide some things no matter what, because there is legislation that means we cannot. But I am happy to take it on notice and see what we can provide.

**Answer:**

Due to the need to preserve taxpayer confidentiality no further detail is available.