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Senator COONAN-What chart 10 [of the economic stimulus package progress report] shows very clearly is that the primary driver of the stimulus becomes the construction and infrastructure projects planned for and approved in the last five months of the 2008-09 financial year and due to roll out this year, next year and a bit into 2011-12.

Mr Mrdak-That is correct.

Senator COONAN-Unfortunately, I do not have a colour chart here and I cannot see it very clearly, because apparently there are different colours. [a] Could you tell me what is left to go, in dollar terms, in 2009-10? [b] Perhaps you could do a breakdown across the four years of cash and infrastructure for each of the years 2008-09 through to 2011-12.

Mr Mrdak-You are looking at the straight cash per year?

Senator COONAN-Yes, could you go across each chart and tell me how much cash and how much infrastructure it is in billions each year.

Mr Mrdak-Again, I do not have the exact figures. I do apologise. I can get those for you?

Answer:

The following table provides a breakdown of the \$42 billion Economic Stimulus Package by financial year as at 12 November 2009.

	2008-2009 (\$b)	2009-2010 (\$b)	2010-2011 (\$b)	2011-2012 (\$b)
Construction and infrastructure	3.4	17.0	8.0	1.5
Cash payments and bonuses	11.6	0.6	0	0
Totals	15.0	17.6	8.0	1.5