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Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

Senator Cormann: The complete list is in MYEFO and the complete fiscal impact is in MYEFO. The list and the impact in the PBO report is only in relation to those measures currently before the parliament.

Senator GALLAGHER: Is there an update to what Finance provided on 11 November?

Senator Cormann: There should be, because since then, as you know, with the generously received support of the Labor Party, for example the superannuation reform package was legislated. If you are asking us for an update I am happy to provide it.

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Senator GALLAGHER: So you will provide the committee with an updated list?

Senator Cormann: Yes.

Answer:

As at 31 March 2017, unlegislated budget repair measures have an indicative net impact of \$12.7 billion in underlying cash terms over the four years to 2019-20, taking account of parameter changes since the original announcement.

Consistent with the undertaking at Estimates to provide the committee with the most current information, the attached list shows those remaining unlegislated savings measures and unlegislated revenue measures as at 31 March 2017 that have an estimated impact greater than \$100 million over the period 2016-17 to 2019-20. This list updates the list provided on 11 November 2016.

ATTACHMENT A

Unlegislated Savings and Revenue Measures as at the sitting week ending 31 March 2017 above \$100m*

Portfolio	Round	Measure title
Education	Budget 2014-15	Expanding opportunity — expansion of the demand driven system and sharing the cost fairly
Education	Budget 2014-15	A sustainable Higher Education system — Research Training Scheme — student contributions
Education	Budget 2016-17	School Funding — additional funding from 2018
Health	Budget 2014-15	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — increase in co-payments and safety net thresholds
Health	Budget 2014-15	Simplifying Medicare safety net arrangements
Health	MYEFO 2015-16	Medicare Benefits Schedule — changes to diagnostic imaging and pathology services bulk-billing incentives
Social Services	Budget 2015-16	Growing Jobs and Small Business - Increasing the age of eligibility for Newstart Allowance and Sickness Allowance - delay
Social Services	Budget 2014-15	Pensioner Education Supplement — cessation
Social Services	Budget 2015-16	Australian Working Life Residence - tightening proportionality requirements
Social Services	Budget 2015-16	Growing Jobs and Small Business — Youth Employment Strategy — revised waiting period for youth income support
Social Services	MYEFO 2015-16	Family Payment Reform — a new families package
Social Services	MYEFO 2015-16	Parental Leave Pay — revised arrangements
Social Services	Budget 2016-17	National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund
Social Services	MYEFO 2016-17	Better Management of the Social Welfare System
Social Services	MYEFO 2016-17	Pension Supplement – changes to the payment of the Pension Supplement for permanent departures overseas and temporary absences
Treasury	Budget 2016-17	Ten Year Enterprise Tax Plan — wine equalisation tax rebate integrity and wine tourism funding
Treasury	Budget 2016-17	Australian Securities and Investments Commission — industry charging arrangements

*Measures are treated as unlegislated until all relevant legislation has passed the Senate.

The financial impact of measures was last updated as at 2016-17 MYEFO taking into account parameter changes.

Measures which have since been legislated have been removed and measures have been either included or excluded based on the updated financial impacts relative to the \$100m threshold.