# **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

# ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 14 FEBRUARY 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook

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### **Question:**

Please provide details of changes to forward estimates following MYEFO.

#### **Answer:**

The following table provides a list of all changes to appropriation funding entered by the Department of Human Services following the Mid-year Economic Fiscal Outlook. Changes to annual appropriations are included in items listed in Tables 1.3 and 1.4 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (pages 20-23).

| Changes to apppropriation funding following Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
|  | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     |
| Departmental   |         |         |         |         |
| Operating funding  |         |         |         |         |
| Measures   |         |         |         |         |
| Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - new and amended listings                        | 0.185   | 0.256   | 0.273   | 0.314   |
| Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance -                         |         |         |         |         |
| reinstatement of Year 12 certificate courses                                     | 0.533   | 0.067   | -       | -       |
| Student income support - student start-up scholarships - pause                   |         |         |         |         |
| indexation   | 0.014   | -       | -       | -       |
| Student income support - general interest charge on student income               |         |         |         |         |
| support debt   | 0.007   | 3.209   | 1.475   | 0.380   |
| Targeted savings - public service efficiencies                                   | -17.666 | -17.172 | -17.172 | -17.172 |
| Other  |         |         |         |         |
| Medicare Benefits Schedule - removing out of hospital benefits for               |         |         |         |         |
| complex procedures   | 0.031   | -       | -       | -       |
| Comcover reduction   | -0.375  | -0.391  | -0.409  | -0.409  |
| Economic parameter update  | _       | -18.064 | -24.350 | -27.567 |
| Change in workload volumes   | -2.035  | -6.661  | -6.468  | -6.672  |
| Early release of superannuation - adjustment to match levy                       |         |         |         |         |
| determination  | -0.015  | -       | -       | -       |
| Family Assistance Office - transfer of funding from FaHCSIA                      | 9.114   | 9.144   | 9.201   | 9.283   |
| Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - funding to implement legislative                |         |         |         |         |
| changes  | 2.478   | -       | -       | -       |
| Replacing the Education Tax Refund with a Schoolkids Bonus                       | 9.087   | 2.394   | 1.920   | 1.914   |
| Spreading the benefits of the boom - increasing the rate of Family Tax           |         |         |         |         |
| Benefit Part A   | 7.846   | 3.185   | 2.443   | 1.473   |
| Capital funding  |         |         |         |         |
| Measures   |         |         |         |         |
| Student income support - general interest charge on student income               |         |         |         |         |
| support debt   | 0.006   | 0.780   | -       | -       |
| Other  |         |         |         |         |
| Economic parameter update  | _       | -0.502  | -1.324  | -1.519  |
| Replacing the Education Tax Refund with a Schoolkids Bonus                       | 1.981   | 0.057   |         | _       |
| Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - funding to implement legislative                |         |         |         |         |
| changes  | 0.909   | _       | _       | _       |
| Administered   |         |         |         |         |
| Operating funding  |         |         |         |         |
| Measures   |         |         |         |         |
| Whole of Government Savings from Paused Grant Programs                           | -3.210  | -       | -       | -       |
| Other  |         |         |         |         |
| Child Support - annual appropriation   | -0.120  | -0.137  | -0.140  | -0.144  |
| Child Support - special appropriation  | -2.764  | -3.404  | -5.464  | -5.600  |
| Economic parameter update  | -       | -0.009  | -0.013  | -       |