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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Singh asked:

Senator SINGH: You will table that. Does that have the forward estimates?

Dr Dickson: I can send you, in response to a question on notice, the detailed table in the portfolio budget statements.

Senator SINGH: Including the forward estimates?

Dr Dickson: It has the forward estimates, yes.

Answer:

The table below is an excerpt from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15.

Table 3.2.1 PBS: Comprehensive Income Statement

	Estimated actual	Budget estimate	Forward estimate	Forward estimate	Forward estimate
	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000
EXPENSES					
Employee benefits	38,613	39,379	38,538	38,629	38,629
Suppliers*	156,775	108,704	80,909	79,041	41,414
Depreciation and amortisation	2,134	2,869	2,316	2,322	2,322
Total expenses	197,522	150,952	121,763	119,992	82,365

*The *Suppliers* expense category includes the value of grants expenditure entered into between 29 September 2014 to 1 February 2015 of \$11.4 million (*GST inclusive*) and \$10.4 million (*GST exclusive*), as shown in the Table below:

Table showing grants expenditure

	Budget estimate	Forward estimate	Forward estimate	Forward estimate
	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 and out years \$'000
Grants**	3,000	2,600	2,000	2,800
Other Supplier related expenses	105,704	78,309	77,041	38,614
Total of Suppliers*	108,704	80,909	79,041	41,414

** Rounded to the nearest \$'000.