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Senator Waters asked:

In the Department's PBS p.195 in Table 1.1 the reduction in Departmental appropriation between 13/14 and 14/15 seems to be \$2,102,000, is that correct? How does that relate to the statement in Budget Paper No2 that "The Government will achieve savings of \$2.8 million over four years (including \$0.1 million per annum in capital funding) from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority" which would suggest a cut of only \$0.7million in 2014-15?

Answer:

Yes. The \$2,102,000 reduction in appropriation from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is the result of the savings measure, the increase in the efficiency dividend, whole of government targeted savings, one-off funding for voluntary redundancies in 2013-14, a forecast increase in Special Appropriation and the conclusion of the Great Barrier Reef Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan funding.