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Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Urquhart asked:

Referring to page 88 of the Budget Measures, how is the Government going to achieve the \$1.2 million in savings for the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan?
The Forward Estimate spend in last year's budget for the Plan in 2015-16 was \$13,860,000. On page 75 of the PBS that spend has been reduced to \$8,248,000. What is the reason for this significant reduction and why is this seeming cut of around \$5.3million represented as \$1.2million in savings?

Answer:

The savings total is \$1.2 million. The adjustment of \$5.3 million to the budget for 2015-16 is the result of a combination of project terminations, adjustment of project milestone payments between financial years and interest repayments to the Commonwealth from grant recipients.