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Senator Singh asked:

Senator SINGH I am just not sure why you would have added that dot point in. It reads as though there has been—we are talking about the \$9.2 million cut—some kind of reduction in funding. But you have cleared that up.

Ms Middleton: There is no net decrease in funding.

Senator SINGH Has the funding for the response to the Munro review changed?

Ms Middleton: No, Senator.

Senator SINGH: That is still at \$58.5 million?

Ms Middleton: The total package was worth \$58.5. Of course over the forward estimates it is still subject to the same efficiency dividends as all other money within the bureau's appropriation.

Senator SINGH: What are those? Is that in the PBS?

Ms Middleton: It is not explicit in this PBS because there are no new efficiency dividends this year. These are the efficiency dividends that were introduced in the 2011-12 MYEFO adjustments and then have continued on since then. Those are roughly an efficiency dividend of about 2.5 per cent that carry forward over the forward estimates.

Senator SINGH: So a package of \$58.5 million. Could you tell me now what it is over the forward estimates in total, the package?

Ms Middleton: We would have to re-do those calculations because that is just part of our entire appropriation. I do not have a breakdown here of that.

Senator SINGH: Will you take that on notice?

Ms Middleton: Yes.

Answer:

Over the period from 2013-14 the following funds are available, for the response to the Review of the *Bureau of Meteorology's capacity to respond to future extreme weather and natural disaster events and to provide seasonal forecasting services* (the Munro Review), after accounting for efficiency dividends and savings measure:

2013-14	\$17.301m
2014-15	\$11,961m
2015-16	\$12,709m
2016-17	\$14,232m
Total	\$56.203m