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Topic: Total of savings returned to Budget

Senator Gallagher, Katy asked:

Senator GALLAGHER: Could you give me the total of the savings that you have returned to budget over the last four years.

Ms Karp: Can I take that on notice?

Senator GALLAGHER: Okay.

Ms Karp: Or can I get it from my colleague?

Senator GALLAGHER: That is fine. What I am trying to understand is how much your budget has been reduced and then to see it in the context of what has been returned in the 2017-18 budget where you have what appears to be a mix of expenses and capital totalling almost \$15 million. Is that right?

Ms Karp: Is it okay for Deputy Director Andrew Harper to join us for this because he would be more intimate with the exact details of where that all comes from?

Mr Harper: MYEFO 15 was \$1.9 million. The MYEFO 2016 figure was 20.1, so approximately \$3 million in total over the forward estimates.

Senator GALLAGHER: Did you not have savings in the 2014-15 year?

Mr Harper: I would have to take that on notice. The \$908,000 was part of this year's new budget measures.

Answer:

The total savings returned to the budget between May 2014 and May 2016 is \$4.150m.