

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 3086

Topic: Unfunded Pressures (ATO)

Written: 7 March 2014

Senator BUSHBY asked:

3086) Are there any particular unfunded pressures the agency face? If so, have any of these pressures been funded in previous years from provisions that have since been cut or ceased?

Answer:

3086) The ATO manages its budget closely and is addressing unfunded budget pressures from:

- The management of its workforce adjustment programme arising as a consequence of increased efficiency dividends, and other budget pressures.
- The indirect impact on its budget stemming from the shortfall in departmental capital budget (DCB) compared to depreciation following changes to how agencies are funded for depreciation (Operation Sunlight).
- The impact of unfunded employee provisions from the commencement of accrual accounting in the Commonwealth Government.