

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: SBT 1014-1017**

**Topic: Superannuation measures**

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**Senator WONG asked:**

1014. Unwinding the 2014 Budget measure applying to 16,000 people with \$2 million super balances. What is the long term ten year cost of unwinding that measure?

1015. How many people benefit from the high income measure?

1016. How many people are eligible to receive the Low Income Superannuation Contribution?

1017. How many received it for 2012/13?

**Answer:**

1014. The measure referred to is a 2013-14 Budget measure, not a 2014-15 Budget measure as stated. The measure was not legislated under the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament and the new Government has said they will not proceed with its implementation.

When the former Government announced the measure they stated in the accompanying press release that:

*“The Government’s Superannuation Concession Reduction for contributions by very high income earners announced in the 2012-13 Budget, together with this reform of earnings on assets supporting income streams, will improve the fairness and long-term sustainability of the superannuation system. These two measures combined will save over \$10 billion over the next decade.” (Source: Wayne Swan and Bill Shorten, Media Release, 5 April 2013)*

As far as the Treasury is aware, the former Government did not make public a figure for how much the above measure alone was expected to raise over the next decade.

1015. This question is unclear, the new Government has simply said it is not proceeding with this unlegislated measure.

1016. The eligibility criteria for the LISC can be found [here](#). The number of people eligible for the LISC are those that fulfil the criteria currently legislated.

1017. This information will be available in the 2012-13 Taxation Statistics when they are published.