

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency - Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

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Question

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Senator REYNOLDS: I understand that you have an underspend of some \$3.4 million. I am just wondering if you have plans to spend that and, if so, on what?

Mr Tighe: Thankfully, in the budget announcement of early this week, the money that we had been discussing with the senator—and we are thankful for the Commonwealth support and Senator Cash's support—has now been made available for the next two operational years of the agency. If you would like me to take you through the things that we think that money should be earmarked for, I am happy to do that.

Senator REYNOLDS: I am happy for you to table it, if you would like, or provide it on notice.

Mr Tighe: Yes, I can give it to you on notice, or I can give you a precis of it now if you wish.

Senator REYNOLDS: Probably not a precis, given the time. I would be happy if you would like to table it for the committee.

Answer

This information is provided in the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency operational plan for 2016-17. The plan is currently being finalised and prepared for publication on the agency's website.