

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Programs

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

It was reported in The Australian on 22 January 2014 that the Government has announced that it will collapse 26 programs worth \$2.39 billion a year into five streams. A media release dated 22 January 2014

- a. Why has this information not been published on the department or Ministerial website?
- b. Is the Government undertaking, or planning to undertake, a reorganisation of programs into five broad streams? If so:
  - i. What are the five streams?
  - ii. What programs will be affected?
  - iii. What are the new program budgets?
  - iv. What are the administrative costs of the overhaul?
  - v. What red tape has been identified as unnecessary?
  - vi. What formal process is in place to streamline evaluation, acquittal and reporting processes among the various programs?
  - vii. What savings are expected to be made by bringing together programs into broad streams and where will these savings be directed?

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is reviewing Indigenous programmes transferred into the department. Programme structure following the review is a matter for the Government.