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Senator: Wong, Penny

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Question:

Senator WONG: Is that how you budget your departmental expenses?

Ms McIntyre: It is the same. The parameters affect both administered and departmental.

Senator WONG: I appreciate that, but surely you would put in a provision for it?

Ms McIntyre: I can take on notice what the effect of those is, but there is certainly no adjustment for activity.

Answer:

At each Estimates Update, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) adjusts budgets to reflect the forecast economic conditions of the year in which costs are expected to occur. PM&C allocates the indexation to relevant expenses accordingly to match appropriation changes.

Actual expenditure for the Office for Women in 2014/15 was \$3.473m against a budget of \$3.650m. Budgets for the Office for Women from 2014/15 over the forward estimates are as follows:

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
\$3.473m	\$3.555m	\$3.613m	\$3.316m	\$3.342m

Budgeted expenditure reduces in 2017/18 as a result of the completion of the terminating measure for Women in Public Service Project. There is also small ongoing budgeted expenditure increase due to indexation.