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Senator: Lundy

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Question:

Senator LUNDY: I am going to put some more questions on notice about this. Can I just go back to some answers to questions I put on notice last time? One of the questions I asked was not answered in full, so I would like to ask it again. I am happy for this to be taken on notice. If notional amounts for interest costs and unfunded liabilities are excluded from the table given in answer to question F22 and excluding schemes such as the Judges' Pensions Scheme and the Governors-General Pensions Scheme, listed as 'other' in the table, what are the actual totals or estimated totals for the given years for pensions actually paid or to be paid for the schemes listed in the table? When I asked the question, I was looking for the actual totals or estimated totals for payments made across those schemes. I am just trying to delve a little deeper into the actual expenses relating to each of the individual schemes in the current financial year and in the out years.

Dr Helgeby: We will take that on notice if we can. The answer we gave you was in relation to superannuation interest costs, disaggregated, but I understand the question you are asking is about cash flows.

Answer:

The estimated payments for unfunded defined benefit superannuation schemes are disclosed in Department of Finance portfolio budget statements (Table 3.2.9 page 74) and also in the Department of Defence portfolio budget statement (table 64, page 104). These are cash payments. The consolidation of payments for defined benefit schemes and accumulation schemes is also included within the aggregate figure *Payments for employees* in the Cashflow statement (Budget Paper no. 1 Statement 9 Table 3). Payments for defined benefit schemes are shown below.

Scheme	2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m
Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme	3,395	3,412	3,471	3,532	3,653
Public Sector Superannuation Scheme	415	546	605	672	769
Military Superannuation and Benefit Scheme	447	521	581	669	708
Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme (incl Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Scheme)	1,501	1,600	1,641	1,686	1,732
Other (including Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Scheme and Judges' Pension Scheme)	91	93	98	107	112
Total	5,849	6,172	6,396	6,666	6,974