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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: This is all NHRA, I assume. Is there anything else in this? Does this include things like that national partnership—

Mr Tune: It has probably got some national partnership stuff in it. I cannot tell you precisely.

Senator WONG: So that might include the Better Administration or whatever it was called. Is that right?

Mr Tune: It could well do. I think it probably does.

Ms Huxtable: The people who work on it are here. Perhaps someone could—

Senator WONG: Is it possible just to find out what this includes? Is there anyone who can tell me that?

Mr Tune: No. We have not got anyone here who knows the details.

Senator WONG: Can we get them?

Mr Tune: We can find out, and I will get back to you afterwards.

Senator WONG: I just want to know what that line comprises, basically

Answer:

Item 7.2 of the Appendix to the *Report of the National Commission of Audit (Volume 1)* outlines the methodology used by the National Commission of Audit for the projection of expenditure for the large and fast growing programmes listed in Table 4.2 on page 48 of the *Phase 1 Report*. The hospital expense projections reflect the Commonwealth contribution to the public hospital funding under the existing *National Health Reform Agreement 2011*.