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Question:

Can you provide a breakdown of all the savings included in the Industry Skills Fund — establishment measure – including the financial impact of ceasing each program listed in the Budget measure over the forward estimates?

Answer:

The Industry Skills Fund – establishment measure – announced in the 2014-15 Budget included savings of \$1.0 billion over five years by ceasing ten skills and training programmes from 1 January 2015. A breakdown of the savings included in this measure is provided in the following table.

Table 1: Industry Skills Fund – establishment measure

| Programme Expense | Portfolio | 13-14 \$m | 14-15 \$m | 15-16 \$m | 16-17 \$m | 17-18 \$m | Total \$m |
|--|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| National Partnership Agreement on Training Places for Single Parents | Treasury | 0.0 | -26.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -26.7 |
| Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships Programme | Industry | -4.7 | -10.5 | -12.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -27.2 |
| Australian Apprenticeships Mentoring Programme | Industry | 0.0 | -7.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -7.5 |
| National Workforce Development Fund | Industry | -18.2 | -114.1 | -139.6 | -143.2 | -146.2 | -561.3 |
| Workplace English Language and Literacy Programme | Industry | -11.5 | -26.2 | -31.3 | -37.5 | -38.5 | -145.2 |
| Alternative Pathways Programme | Industry | -10.0 | -19.4 | -18.1 | -18.0 | 0.0 | -65.5 |
| Apprentice to Business Owner Programme | Industry | 0.0 | -1.5 | -3.3 | -5.5 | -5.5 | -15.7 |
| Productive Ageing through Community Education | Industry | -0.8 | -1.3 | -1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -3.2 |
| Apprenticeships Access Programme ¹ | Industry | -10.7 | -23.6 | -34.3 | -35.0 | -35.6 | -139.2 |
| | Employment | 0.0 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 11.5 |
| | Human Services | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Step Into Skills Programme ² | Industry | -8.7 | -17.5 | -8.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -34.9 |
| | Treasury | 7.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.9 |
| Total Savings | | -56.6 | -245.6 | -243.7 | -236.6 | -224.4 | -1,006.9 |

Notes: The sum of annual amounts may vary from the total due to rounding. The figures in the table are consistent with the 2014-15 Budget measure. ¹The abolition of the Apprenticeships Access Programme is expected to encourage some former clients to seek assistance through the Job Services Network. This is reflected in expenses recorded in the Employment and Human Services portfolios. ²The Step into Skills programme includes additional savings of \$8.7 million in 2013-14 by not commencing the programme as scheduled, of which \$7.9 million has been redirected to the Treasury to fund the Joint Group Training Programme.