

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Finance

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Comsuper / Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation Merger

Senator: Ludwig

Question reference number: F270

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 11 July 2014

Number of pages: 1

Question:

- a) Has there been any decision in relation to which of the Chief Executive Officers will be the Chief Executive Officer in the new merged entity?
- b) If one or both of the existing Chief Executive Officers' contracts are terminated, will the Commonwealth be required to pay out the terms of their existing contracts?
- c) Has there been any work done in relation to the effect on staffing levels as a result of the merger?
- d) Was there a costing that was done for the merger for the purposes of the Budget measure?
- e) If so, what is the financial implication of this merger, and what was the assumption on staffing levels in the costing?

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) The terms and conditions for the Chief Executive Officer of ComSuper and other public office holders, including compensation for loss of office, are determined by the Remuneration Tribunal. Determinations are available at <http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/>. The terms and conditions for the Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC) are the subject of an employment contract between the CSC Board and the CEO.
- c) No.
- d) A budget costing was undertaken in relation to the cross-portfolio expense measure '*Smaller Government – additional reductions in the number of Australian Government bodies*'. The merger of the CSC and ComSuper is a component of this measure.
- e) Some efficiencies are expected from the merger, due to the elimination of duplication and overlap in functions. The financial implications over time of these efficiencies are unlikely to be known for some time.