

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-14

Finance Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 1/1.1
Topic: Support to drought affected farmers' measure

Senator: Dastyari
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Question:

Senator DASTYARI: That is fine. In relation to the 'support to drought affected farmers' measure on page 53, can you provide the committee with a detailed financial breakdown of each component of the measure? There are actually six dot points—which I am sure you are aware of—along with the funding to the state and territory governments. Can we break these down into departments, so that one component contains the funding for both Agriculture and Social Services? Can this detail be provided? And, if there is a broader explanation as to why the Department of Agriculture is receiving revenue in this measure, could that be provided as well?

Mr Tune: You want it broken down by component rather than by agency?

Senator DASTYARI: Yes, please.

Answer:

Expense breakdown by component (\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
Amended asset test for Farm Household Allowance (FHA)	0.000	3.391	2.326	1.537	-1.629	5.625
Interim FHA	4.663	3.448	0.000	0.000	0.000	8.110
Drought concessional loans	2.467	8.508	0.277	0.276	0.278	11.806
Water-related infrastructure	0.000	12.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	12.000
Manage pests and weeds	5.000	5.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	10.000
Additional social support for farm families and communities	0.352	7.090	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.442
<i>Total expense(\$m)</i>	<i>12.482</i>	<i>39.437</i>	<i>2.603</i>	<i>1.813</i>	<i>-1.351</i>	<i>54.983</i>

The revenue component for the Department of Agriculture is the interest revenue received on the Drought concessional loans.