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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Wong

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Question:

Can the Department elaborate on the concept of 'former efficiencies that were going to terminate' in a number of programs in the Attorney-General's portfolio (see pages 112 and 113 of the Hansard from the transcript of Wednesday's hearing).

What were these 'former efficiencies'? When were they put in place?

Does 'maintaining at nominal levels' effectively mean a freeze in indexation for those programs?

Answer:

The former efficiencies and the relevant original measures extended in the measure '*Attorney-General's Portfolio – efficiencies*' were as follows:

- Australia New Zealand Counter Terrorism Committee: *Attorney-General's Portfolio savings – redirection*, 2013-14 Budget measure;
- International Criminal Court contribution: *Attorney-General's Portfolio savings – redirection*, 2013-14 Budget measure;
- Family Relationship Services Programme: *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse — offsets*, 2014-15 MYEFO measure;
- The Grants to Australian Organisations Programme *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse — offsets*, 2014-15 MYEFO measure; and
- Payments to the States under the *Family Law Act 1975: Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse — offsets*, 2014-15 MYEFO measure.

The programmes are indexed, with the index applied to the current base.