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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: I will start again. The \$106 million from the Department of Health, \$131 million from the Department of Education, \$54.2 million from the Attorney-General's Department and \$168.1 million from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection: are they as a result of—

Senator Cormann: Perhaps I can pause you there. I think we went through this yesterday in outcome 1.

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Senator LUDWIG: I should have asked yesterday when I was listening, but the functional reviews: are they available to the committee? Are they going to be released or made publicly available?

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Senator LUDWIG: ... —is there available, once the decision has been made, so with two departments, a breakdown of where those savings are going to come from, whether they are going to come from reduction in staff, whether they are going to come from various sections within the department or divisional areas?

Senator Cormann: I think we might have taken these questions on notice yesterday.

Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take them on notice.

Senator Cormann: To the extent that we did not take these questions on notice yesterday, I am very happy to look at the measures that are reflected in the budget as a result of the functional and efficiency reviews into Health and Education and see what sort of breakdown we may be able to provide. Then we might be able to take it from there at the next estimates.

Senator LUDWIG: In providing that on notice, also could you tell me whether the service standards or the key performance indicators have changed as a consequence ...

Answer:

With regard to the 2015-16 Budget measure *Smaller Government – Education and Training Portfolio*, a complete list of the savings has been provided in response to question F27.

Similarly, for the 2015-16 Budget measure *Smaller Government – Health Portfolio*, refer to the response to question F25.