

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

**Senator WONG:** I will quickly do a couple of things. The DFAT \$74½ million efficiencies measure on pages 97 and 98 of BP2—I assume, because some of it is already in the bottom line and there is a reprofiling, that is why the table and the measure description quantum do not add up?

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**Senator WONG:** Can someone at least just assist me with the balancing item then. The numbers in the table which, I assume, are the reason for the reprofiling—a \$49.6 million spend for DFAT, a net save of \$24 million for Austrade and therefore a net spend of \$25.6 million. Can you just explain how you get to the \$74.5 million. I just want to understand what has already been provisioned in the budget.

**Senator Cormann:** We will have to take that on notice.

**Senator WONG:** You are not able to tell me that?

**Senator Cormann:** We will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

In the 2015-16 MYEFO, the Government made a provision for \$100 million in savings from the Foreign Affairs Portfolio, reflecting expected savings from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Functional and Efficiency Review.