### **Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-17

# Finance Portfolio 5 May 2016

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**Senator:** McAllister

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### **Question:**

**Senator McALLISTER:** ... Before lunch we discussed whether there had been any further changes since 1 April.

**Ms McGregor:** There are no changes to the overall figure. That 425 figure is the one that people—

**Senator Cormann:** That is the most recently available information. If you want an update from here, we will have to take it on notice.

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**Senator Cormann:** We have just told you we have given you the most recent available information, which is that of 1 April.

**Senator McALLISTER:** That is the purpose of today's questioning.

**Senator Cormann:** I am quite happy—and I have already taken it on notice—to look at whether we can provide you with any additional information. To the extent that there is further conversation that should take place in that context between the government and the opposition, I am happy to have it, as I always am.

### Answer:

There were no changes to the 425 figure between 1 April 2016 to 5 May 2016.