## Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017-18

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**Topic:** Total savings in government expenses

Senator: Gallagher

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## **Question:**

**Senator Cormann:** That is right. This is departmental expenses as a percentage of total government expenses. What this really shows is that the proportion of government administration costs, as a proportion of overall government expenditure, is becoming less. So our administration is getting more efficient and lower in cost, as a proportion of overall expenditure.

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**Senator GALLAGHER:** Surely you have booked the savings across that period of time, particularly in this budget, across the forward estimates, and I am asking: what is the dollar value of that?

**Senator Cormann:** And we have taken that on notice.

## **Answer:**

Please refer to Budget Estimates 2017-18 Question on Notice response F55.