

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017-18

Finance Portfolio

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**Department/Agency:** Finance

**Outcome/Program:** General

**Topic:** Departmental Contractor and Consulting Costs

**Senator:** Gallagher

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#### **Question:**

**Senator GALLAGHER:** Is it detailed in the PBS anywhere? Is it broken down?

**Mr Moncilovic:** Not specifically, no.

**Senator GALLAGHER:** So, based on the secretary's advice, it is expected to stay at that level? Presumably you would have a draft budget allocation across your department.

**Ms Huxtable:** We are actually working on that now that, so I do not have that at this point in time, but you will see that we have been given that additional funding in respect of those functions. Some of that funding will have been allocated to those sorts of contractor and consulting costs. We can see what we can provide you on notice.

#### **Answer:**

In the 2017-18 Budget, Finance received funding from the Government for the following significant budget measures, which include some engagement of commercial advice:

- Delivery of Inland Rail (\$11.7m)
- Delivering Western Sydney Airport (\$2.6m)
- Public Service Modernisation Fund – agency sustainability (\$3.3m)
- Public Service Modernisation Fund – transformation and innovation (\$51.5m).

In addition to the above, Finance also has received smaller amounts of funding to support the implementation of other measures in the Commonwealth as follows:

- Bureau of Meteorology – improved security and resilience (\$0.4m)
- Immigration Reform – changes to Australia's visa processing arrangements (\$0.1m)
- My Health Record – continuation and expansion (\$0.1m)
- National Disability Insurance Scheme – Quality and Safeguards Commission – establishment (\$0.1m)

Annual expenditure fluctuates year to year due to the nature of the many budget measures. Many budget measures are “terminating measures”, in that the expenditure is expected to be one-off and ceases once the measure has been delivered.