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Senator: Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Mr Tune, you might have to take this on notice: of the measures that were hypothecated—and I appreciate that that is a policy decision by the former government so it is not a technical hypothecation—to schools and disability care, are you able to provide the estimates committee an indication of which of those have been reversed or altered by the new government to date?

Mr Tune: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator WONG: And perhaps you would be able to provide an updated impact of the cost of those reversals.

Mr Tune: Yes, we will look at that. Those will get reported in MYEFO, of course.

Senator WONG: When is MYEFO? Some time before Christmas—that's right.

Senator Cormann: And, again, in the interests of completeness of the advice to Senate estimates: as you would be aware, Senator Wong, the Charter of Budget Honesty Act provides that MYEFO can be released as late as the end of January, but of course we have already publicly announced that we would be releasing it before Christmas.

Mr Tune: Senator, do you still want me to take it on notice? Or would you like to wait until MYEFO?

Senator WONG: I am interested in the 10-year figure. I am essentially interested in updating the charts that were provided publicly, including what the policy change impact is.

Answer:

This is a question for the Department of the Treasury, which produced the relevant charts for the purposes of 2013-14 Budget.