

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1 Budget

**Topic:** Redirection of unspent funds

**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

There was a report in *The Australian* on 17 October 2013 (“Ministers told to rein in spending as Mathias Cormann cracks down on grants”) that the Government is taking \$975 million over four years from a “series of redirections of unspent money”. Can you provide a list of all the programs from which these unspent funds were coming from?

**Answer:**

Savings of \$1.1 billion are included in MYEFO from accepting most of the offsetting savings identified by the former government to fund its election commitments and by not proceeding with various uncommitted discretionary grants or spending commitments announced by the former government in the 2013 Economic Statement or before the 2013 PEFO. The measures are published in the 2013-14 MYEFO.

A list of measures included in the \$1.1 billion announced in MYEFO is provided at Attachment A.

## \$1.1 billion savings package announced in 2013-14 MYEFO

Page	Measure Title	Savings (\$m fiscal balance)				
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
117	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – reduced funding	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-0.5</b>
118	Independent Inspector General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports - cessation	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	<b>-3.9</b>
122	Safer Suburbs Programme - Taxi Security Scheme	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	0.0	<b>-0.7</b>
123	Digital Business Kits – reduced funding	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	<b>-0.5</b>
123	Digital Productivity – Digital Communities – Digital Hubs, Local Government and Community Engagement – reduced funding	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-0.1</b>
123	Creative Australia – community based radio services – reduced funding	-1.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	<b>-2.5</b>
124	New NBN-enabled business models and applications – reduced funding	-0.7	-0.6	0.0	0.0	<b>-1.3</b>
128	Australian Research Council Centres of Excellence – reduction in funding	-3.3	-3.3	-3.4	0.0	<b>-10.0</b>
129	Education grant programmes – reduced funding	-3.7	-7.8	-8.7	-9.0	<b>-28.9</b>
129	Education Investment Fund regional priorities round - cessation	-15.3	-63.7	-108.5	0.0	<b>-187.5</b>
129	Higher Education Reward Funding – reduction in funding	-2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-2.5</b>
130	InSITE grants – Initiatives Supporting Innovation in Teacher Education - reversal	-0.8	-1.9	-2.8	-2.6	<b>-8.1</b>
136	Migrant Communities Employment Fund - cessation	-3.4	-3.2	0.0	0.0	<b>-6.6</b>
138	Tasmanian forestry workers assistance project - cessation	0.0	-1.2	-1.2	0.0	<b>-2.4</b>
147	Payments to Animals Australia Incorporated - discontinue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-0.1</b>
154	Healthier Communities - Priority Infrastructure Programme	-8.0	-19.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-27.0</b>
154	Dental Reform - communications	-1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-1.7</b>
155	Heffron Park upgrade – contribution reversal	-11.2	-4.8	0.0	0.0	<b>-16.0</b>
156	Maintaining the Voluntary Dental Graduate Year Programme	-12.3	-16.0	-4.9	-7.6	<b>-40.7</b>
156	Karratha Country Club - Grassing the Greens – contribution reversal	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-0.4</b>
156	Meakin Park Junior Sporting Association - facilities upgrade reversal	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.0	<b>-0.5</b>
159	Priority Health Initiatives	-23.8	-106.8	-83.3	-51.6	<b>-265.5</b>
160	Thebarton Oval Redevelopment Project – contribution reversal	-4.6	-2.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-6.6</b>

## Savings package announced in 2013-14 MYEFO (cont.)

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		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
160	Sporting Communities Initiatives - reversal	-0.8	-16.3	0.0	0.0	<b>-17.1</b>
161	Uncommitted Health Portfolio Funding – redirection of funding	-13.2	-7.5	-6.7	-6.9	<b>-34.3</b>
164	Immigration Detention Network – short-term onshore contingency - reversal	-55.3	-5.1	0.0	0.0	<b>-60.4</b>
168	Reform of Australia’s Protection Status Determination System - reversal	-0.5	-1.7	-5.5	-5.2	<b>-12.9</b>
168	Reform of the Migration Zone for offshore workers - reversal	-1.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	<b>-2.3</b>
170	Buy Australian at Home and Abroad – reduction in funding	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	<b>-0.6</b>
171	Clean Technology Programmes – reduction in funding	-34.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-34.0</b>
173	National Workforce Development Fund – community services workforce assistance – redirection of funding	-15.3	-15.3	0.0	0.0	<b>-30.6</b>
173	National Workforce Development Fund – enhancing high-technology manufacturing – redirection of funding	-17.8	-17.8	0.0	0.0	<b>-35.6</b>
177	Community Infrastructure Grants - cessation	-27.9	-17.7	0.0	0.0	<b>-45.5</b>
178	Latrobe Valley economic diversification - reduction	-5.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	<b>-5.5</b>
179	Regional and Rural Research and Development Grants - cessation	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	<b>-0.9</b>
179	Lord Howe Island aerodrome improvement works - reversal	-1.0	-3.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-4.0</b>
180	Regional development projects in Northern Australia - reversal	-8.5	-13.7	-9.0	-2.0	<b>-33.2</b>
183	Economic Competitiveness Fund - discontinue	-51.6	-30.0	-30.0	-30.0	<b>-141.6</b>
186	Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants Flexible Fund – redirection of funding	0.0	-10.0	-10.0	0.0	<b>-20.0</b>
186	Building Multicultural Communities Programme - cessation	-11.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-11.5</b>
187	Community Investment Programme – redirection of funding	-0.1	-5.9	-3.2	-3.2	<b>-12.5</b>
188	Financial Management Programme – redirection of funding	-3.6	-1.9	-0.7	0.0	<b>-6.2</b>
192	Priority consumer focused superannuation activities	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>-1.0</b>
		<b>-344.7</b>	<b>-379.6</b>	<b>-279.8</b>	<b>-120</b>	<b>-1,123.7</b>

*Discrepancies in some totals are due to rounding.*