

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Finance Portfolio

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Senator: Wong

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Question:

The Prime Minister on 8 November 2013 announced the abolition and rationalisation of a number of advisory bodies. What is the level of savings that has been achieved from this?

Answer:

The rationalisation will remove duplication of effort and ensure expert advice is sought on a needs basis. Savings that result have not been quantified by Finance. The functions of bodies amalgamated with another non-statutory body or absorbed by portfolio departments will be managed within existing departmental resources. Portfolios have the discretion to direct savings to replacement activities or as a contribution to broader portfolio efficiencies.