

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: All

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Savings and Efficiency Measures

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since the Appropriation Bills 2014 were passed by the Parliament:

1. How many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued?
2. For each measure or task identified in question 1:
 - a) What is the timeframe for implementation?
 - b) Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks?
 - c) When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the Minister or initiated by the department?
 - d) What action has the Minister asked be done on this policy?

Answer:

Department/ Agency	Response
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. As at 1 December 2014, there are five measures (one savings and four expense) contained in the Appropriation Bills that require further legislation to be given effect.2. <u>Attachment A</u> provides further detail on these five measures where legislation is yet to be introduced to the Parliament, including the name of the entity responsible and the start date. More specific details on implementation actions may be obtained from the relevant agency. The Finance Minister is routinely briefed as part of the Cabinet processes, at his request.
Australian Electoral Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nil.2. N/A.

Department/ Agency	Response
ComSuper	1. Nil. 2. N/A.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	1. Nil. 2. N/A.
Future Fund Management Agency	1. Nil. 2. N/A.

Attachment A – Department of Finance

Savings		
Measure Title	Responsible Entity	Start Date
National Rental Affordability Scheme - discontinue incentive allocations	Department of Social Services	1 July 2014

Expense		
Measure Title	Responsible Entity	Start Date
Enhancing Online Safety for Children	Department of Communications	1 January 2015
Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth – contribution	Department of Education	1 July 2014
Investing in Research Excellence - National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy – continuation	Department of Education	1 July 2015
Infrastructure Growth Package - WestConnex Stage 2 - provision of a concessional loan	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	1 July 2014