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Senator: Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: The question is, please outline for the committee what categories of cash payments were below the 2016-17 budget profile, and if you could put in layman's terms what types of payments or government spending that represents.

Mr Greenslade: Yes—I can only give a very high-level breakdown for cash.

Senator Cormann: We might take this on notice.

Mr Greenslade: We will take it on notice.

Answer:

The categories of cash payments that were below the August YTD 2016-17 Budget profile were as follows:

Category	YTD Actual \$m	YTD Budget \$m	Variance \$m
Interest paid Includes interest paid on public debt, leases and tax overpayments.	1,625	1,826	-201
Personal benefit payments Comprises benefit payments provided directly to individuals or households, including social welfare, private health insurance rebate, veterans' and widows' support, student assistance and super co-contribution payments.	24,654	24,940	-286

Category	YTD Actual \$m	YTD Budget \$m	Variance \$m
<p>Other payments</p> <p>Comprises employee-related payments for leave, fringe benefits tax, redundancies, workers compensation claims and other employee costs. (Note: Excludes wages and salaries, and superannuation payments.)</p>	199	487	-288
<p>Purchases of non-financial assets</p> <p>Includes purchases of land, buildings, military equipment, infrastructure, plant and equipment, computer software and other intangibles.</p>	1,015	1,547	-532