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Question:

Can you please provide details outlining what the savings were from the Indigenous Affairs Programme from the Ministers press release?

Answer:

The 2014-15 Budget papers announced the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS). The announcement included savings of \$534.4 million over five years through efficiencies resulting from the rationalisation of Indigenous programmes, grants and activities administered by the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Health portfolios.

Of this, the saving from the IAS was \$239.5 million over four years. This saving was realised through reductions in duplication, red tape and inefficiency achieved by bringing together over 150 programmes and activities from eight different departments.

The \$534.4 million commonly used is comprised of the \$239.5 million net save along with:

- \$121.8 million in savings from the Health portfolio
- \$3.5 million in savings from the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)
- \$53.9 million reduction in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet departmental funding
- \$115.7 of funding that the Government reinvested into Indigenous Affairs priorities.

The \$115.7 million reinvestment contributed to the following measures:

- \$54.1 million for the Permanent Police Presence in the Northern Territory measure
- \$13.4 million for the Clontarf Foundation Academy – expansion measure
- \$2.5 million for the Community Engagement Police Officers in the Northern Territory measure
- \$3.8 million for the Support for the Northern Territory Child Abuse Taskforce (CAT) continuation measure
- \$46.3 million for the Municipal & Essential Services – transition arrangements

- \$10.6 million for the Outback Power measure