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TOPIC: National Enabling Technologies Strategy – budget

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QUESTION No.: BI-70

Senator Di Natale: I have some questions on the government's National Enabling Technologies Strategy. There are some specific questions on the breakdown of the budget. Firstly, do we know the annual budget for the strategy?

Mr Chesworth: The budget for the National Enabling Technologies Strategy for 2011-12 is \$4,310,000 and, for 2012-13, it is \$4,346,000.

Senator di Natale: And how much of it is allocated to the National Measurement Institute? I am going to ask you for a breakdown.

Mr Chesworth: I probably should clarify. Those two figures are the part of the National Enabling Technologies Strategy that falls within the Innovation portfolio. The National Measurement Institute has a separate funding stream. It is probably best to direct that question towards them.

Dr Fisk: The National Measurement Institute was allocated approximately \$18 million over four years for its work under the National Enabling Technologies Strategy. If you need a more detailed breakdown, we will provide that on notice.

ANSWER

The National Measurement Institute (NMI) was allocated approximately \$18 million over four years from 2009-13 for its work under the National Enabling Technologies Strategy, as follows:

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
6.3m	4m	4m	3.7m