

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013-2014

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Topic: Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Senator: Dastyari

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Question:

Senator DASTYARI: Okay. You can take this question on notice. Has there been any underspend in the royal commission into institutional response to child sex abuse, which was announced under a bipartisan banner? What has happened to any revenue as a result of the underspend? Is that going back to Treasury or contained? Finally, what proportion of the royal commission into the home insulation program, for which MYEFO page 121 estimates the cost at \$20 million, is being met from within existing resources of the Attorney-General's Department?

Mr Tune: Okay, we can take all of that on notice.

Answer:

1. In 2012-13 the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse underspent by \$17.5 million. Actual expenditure for 2013-14 will not be known until after 30 June 2014.
2. Any unspent appropriation will be returned to Budget.
3. One third of the projected costs for the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program will be met from within the existing resources of the Attorney-General's Department.