

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2009

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome 1, Program 1

Topic: Savings over four years in the operation of government

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Senator Coonan asked:

I want to deal with Mr Tanner's budget efficiencies. He nominated \$1 billion of efficiencies achieved in the 2009-10 budget, because \$4 billion was obviously from last year's budget even though he ran it together. Can Finance provide a breakdown of the \$1 billion of efficiencies from government operations?

Answer:

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation issued a press release on 12 May 2009 (28/2009) advising that the 2009-10 Budget would deliver an additional \$1.1 billion in savings over four years in the operation of government.

These savings measures relate to a range of strategies including streamlining administrative arrangements, reducing the level of promotional activities and removing duplicated management processes for some programs.

A breakdown of the savings is provided below (reporting total savings in each case for the four years from 2009-10).

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Portfolio	Total \$m
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio	69.9
Attorney-General's Portfolio	137.3
Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio	11.5
Defence Portfolio	2.0
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio	66.0
Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Portfolio	10.0
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio	8.9
Finance and Deregulation Portfolio	10.4
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Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio	2.8
Health and Ageing Portfolio	104.0
Immigration and Citizenship Portfolio	136.4
Industry, Innovation, Science and Research Portfolio	15.6
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Portfolio	15.1
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio	7.6
Veteran's Affairs Portfolio	4.2
Total	1110.1