

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 151

Topic: Public Service Efficiencies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Has the five per cent savings target been achieved - if yes, how, or if it will not, why not?
What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

DSS sets a balanced budget annually. Our budget is regularly reviewed throughout the year to ensure additional savings requirements are taken into account. DSS is currently finalising its budget following the recent Machinery of Government changes.

The impact of future years' Efficiency Dividends and Savings measures over the Forward Estimates is still being calculated following the recent Machinery of Government changes.