

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 104**

**Program No. SBS**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Public Service Efficiencies**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
2. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
3. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
4. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If not, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?
5. 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:**

Not applicable. These savings measures do not apply to SBS. However, SBS actively pursues savings efficiencies and has addressed all these areas, that is, travel savings (including limiting business class travel), use of consultants and contractors, and printing costs.