

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates 2012

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**Question: AET 937 - 941**

**Topic: Efficiency Dividend #2 (PC)**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

937. How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department?
938. What percentage of your budget must be cut?
939. Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend?
940. If yes, provide details of where the positions are located, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not.
941. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.

**Answer:**

937. Efficiency dividend adjustments are included in the calculation of agency appropriation revenues, which are then used to allocate operating budgets across Productivity Commission branches.
938. An additional 2.5% of the Productivity Commission's budget must be cut.
939. The Commission intends to manage the effect of the efficiency dividend in conjunction with new policy funding without reducing overall staff numbers in 2012-13.
940. Not applicable.
941. The Commission will manage the number of projects it undertakes to align with its operating budget. The decrease associated with the efficiency dividend will be implemented by constraining the number of projects to be undertaken.