

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates 2012

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**Question: AET 780 - 784**

**Topic: Efficiency Dividend (Tsy)**

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**Senator HUMPHRIES asked:**

- 780. What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 per cent to 4 per cent on the department/agency's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15?
- 781. What percentage of the department/agency's budget is designated to staffing?
- 782. What is the size of the department/agency's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants.
- 783. What specific strategies will the department/agency adopt to ensure continued operation within budget?
- 784. Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?

**Answer:**

- 780. Refer to the Treasury Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2011-12 (page 20).
- 781. As per the Treasury Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2011-12, around 70 per cent.
- 782. Refer to the Treasury Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2011-12 (page 17).
- 783. In accordance with government policy announced in the 2011-12 MYEFO, the Treasury will look at ways to increase its efficiency including through reducing costs in relation to consultants and contractors, hospitality and entertainment, legal expenses, international and domestic travel, recruitment advertising, printing and publications. The Treasury is also offering voluntary redundancies to staff in 2011-12.
- 784. See answer to 783.