

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates 2012

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Question: AET 907 - 911

Topic: Efficiency Dividend #2 (ASIC)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

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

Answer

- 907. In 2012-13, the additional efficiency dividend reduction of \$8.1m is to be met largely through a reduction in supplier expenses as we expect not to renew a number of ongoing supplier agreements. It is likely however that some of the reduction will be met through a reduction in employee expenses.

In addition, the ongoing 20% reduction to agency capital budgets will mainly impact our IT program, resulting in a reduction in ASIC's IT capital investment.
- 908. The 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook resulted in a 2.5% reduction in ASIC's operating expense budget and a 20% reduction in ASIC's capital budget.
- 909. It is likely that in 2012-13 some of the efficiency dividend reduction will need to be met through a reduction in employee expenses.
- 910. Decisions as to the location, classification, and tenure (ongoing or not) of positions are yet to be considered.
- 911. The additional efficiency dividend reduction of \$8.1m will impact on the 2012-13 financial year and as such specific spending reductions are yet to be identified.