

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates, 31 May to 2 June 2005

Question: Bud 36

Topic: Inspector-General of Taxation – Efficiency Dividend

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Senator Carr asked:

1. What financial impact will the increased efficiency dividend have on your Department/agency this financial year and in the out years?
2. The increase in the efficiency dividend was announced in last year's elections, what plans have you made to meet it?
3. What will this mean for staff numbers?
4. Will any specific programs be cut? Please specify which ones and the size of the estimated savings?
5. Will any core functions be affected by these savings measures?
6. How will meeting the efficiency dividend affect your graduate recruitment plans?
7. How will meeting the efficiency dividend affect your ability to retain experienced staff?

Answer:

1. The increased efficiency dividend will reduce the available operating budget.
2. The operating budget has been revised.
3. It is not anticipated that the increased efficiency dividend will have any impact on current staff numbers – will be absorbed in other areas of expenditure.
4. The Inspector-General of Taxation has only one Outcome.
5. No.
6. Not applicable.
7. Not anticipated to be an issue.