

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION**  
(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)

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Question: SBT 137

Topic: Whole-of-Government Departmental Efficiencies

Senator Bushby asked:

The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies?

Can you provide details of how these efficiencies will be achieved? Please provide specific examples.

Will the implementation of the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend impact on your department or portfolio agencies ability to meet the efficiencies outlined in the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook?

Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff to meet the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies in your portfolio? If so, please provide details? Are there such plans for the future?

- Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to exceed their current budget. If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).
- Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to under spend their current budget. If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).

Answer:

The ACCC determines its budget allocations through a detailed internal budget process. The allocations take account of available appropriations and other revenue sources, including any adjustments to appropriations from efficiency dividends or other Budget adjustments.

No voluntary or involuntary redundancies have been offered to staff to meet the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

The ACCC does not deliver administered expense programs.