

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome All

DEEWR Question No. EW25_08

Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

DEEWR Budget

(a) Has the Government formally instructed the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to achieve their commitment of a 2% efficiency dividend?

(b) Are there any mechanisms in place within the Department to achieve this efficiency dividend?

Answer

The Government has decided to apply a one-off efficiency dividend of 2 percent to agencies departmental funding. The financial impact is provided in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2007-08. The Government has not instructed the Department as to how the savings should be achieved.

The Department has put in place mechanisms to achieve the efficiency dividend through the internal budgeting and business planning process.