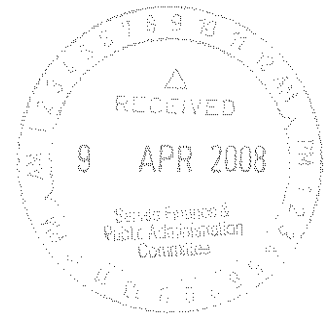


Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Human Services Portfolio
Department of Human Services
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Question: HS38

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Topic: Department of Human Services – Efficiency Dividend

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SENATOR COONAN asked on 22/02/2008:

What is the Department's Efficiency Dividend and how was the figure calculated?

Answer:

The Department of Human Services, comprising the core Department, the Child Support Agency (CSA) and CRS Australia, has previously been required to provide savings of 1.25 per cent of its appropriation, although CRS Australia has been, and continues to be exempt as it is not directly funded from Budget.

The additional 2 per cent Efficiency Dividend applied to the Department resulted in savings of \$2.423M for 2007/08 (\$0.275M from the core Department and \$2.148M from CSA), \$9.225M in 2008/09 (\$0.363M from the core Department and \$8.862M from CSA), \$8.591M in 2009/10 (\$0.323M from the core Department and \$8.268M from CSA), \$8.705M in 2010/11 (\$0.280M from the core Department and \$8.425M from CSA), and \$9.085M in 2011/12 (\$0.374M from the core Department and \$8.711M from CSA).

This figure was calculated by applying 2 per cent (or a pro-rata of this percentage for 2007/08) to the Department's appropriation and forward estimates after allowing for savings already identified in the election commitments.