

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Efficiency Dividend

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F84

Type of question: Written

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- b) What percentage of your budget must be cut?
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Answer:

- a) The department has assessed that it will be able to implement the efficiency dividend through a combination of non-staffing related efficiencies, natural attrition and making structural changes, without the need for a round of either compulsory or voluntary redundancies.
- b) 2.5 per cent of Finance's Budget Funded Operations.
- c)-d) See (a) above.

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Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission

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Answer:

- a) Efficiency dividend will be applied by making general budget cuts across the AEC.
- b) 2.3 per cent of total appropriations.
- c) There are no plans to cut staff positions to meet the efficiency dividend.
- d) Spending will be reduced generally across the AEC to meet the efficiency dividend.

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Department/Agency: ComSuper

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Answer:

- a) ComSuper is a cost recovery agency and the efficiency dividend will be incorporated into the civilian administration fee structure, which is due to be negotiated in early 2012.
- b) Current modelling of ComSuper's revenue for 2012-13 indicates a fall of 1.39%.
- c) Cutting of staff positions is not envisaged at the moment; however ComSuper will continue to manage staffing levels downwards from vacancies created by natural attrition.
- d) ComSuper is in the process of implementing structural changes, which were initially announced by the Government in the Portfolio Additional Estimates 2009-10. The efficiency dividend will be incorporated into these changes with additional savings coming from rationalisation of administration expenses and reductions in staffing levels resulting from natural attrition.

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Department/Agency: Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

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Answer:

a)-d) N/A.

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Department/Agency: Future Fund Management Agency

Outcome/Program: General

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Answer:

- a) – d) The efficiency dividend is not applied to the Future Fund Management Agency, as it is not funded through Appropriations.