

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

PM&C Portfolio

Department/Agency: National Mental Health Commission
Outcome/Program: National Mental Health Commission
Topic: Efficiency Dividend

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department?

What percentage of your budget must be cut?

Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend? If yes, provide details of where the positions are located, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not.

Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.

Answer:

1. The National Mental Health Commission was established on 1 January 2012 and is currently finalising its budget and staffing plan. The final budget will reflect the efficiency dividend.
2. The Commission's total departmental budget will reduce by 2.5% as a result of the efficiency dividend.
3. No.
4. The spending budget plan will reduce spending in areas such as contractors, consultants, accommodation, airfares and general expenditure to accommodate the efficiency dividend.