

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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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:

The one-off efficiency dividend of 2.5 percent announced in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook is applicable from 2012-13. The following strategies will be implemented in OIGIS to find the savings required:

- Reduction in travel (domestic and overseas)
- Reduction in use of legal consultants (following engagement of a staff member with legal qualifications)
- Reductions in agency spending on stationery and equipment
- Development of in-house training program

The budget must be cut by 2.5% in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.

There are no current plans to cut staff positions to meet the efficiency dividend for 2012-13.

There has been no reduction in spending required for 2011/12 as there has been a budget underspend due to a lag in recruitment and less travel than anticipated.