

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Commonwealth Grants Commission

Budget Estimates Hearings, 25-26 May 2005

Question: F69

Outcome: Commonwealth Grants Commission

Topic: Efficiency dividend

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Senator Carr asked:

1. What financial impact will the increased efficiency dividend have on your Department/agency this financial year and in the out years?
2. The increase in the efficiency dividend was announced in last year's elections, what plans have you made to meet it?
3. What will this mean for staff numbers?
4. Will any specific programs be cut? Please specify which ones and the size of the estimated savings?
5. Will any core functions be affected by these savings measures?
6. How will meeting the efficiency dividend affect your graduate recruitment plans?
7. How will meeting the efficiency dividend affect your ability to retain experienced staff?

Answer:

1. Nominal Impact.
2. Amount is nominal. We believe productivity gains will cover.
3. No impact on staff numbers.
4. N/a
5. No core functions will be affected.
6. N/a-The Commission does not have a Graduate Recruitment program.
7. No impact in the retention of experienced staff.