

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 26 May 2005

Question: HS55

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Core Department – Efficiency dividend

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SENATOR CARR asked on 26/05/2005:

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. Please refer to the Portfolio Budget Statements 2005-06, Department of Human Services, Finance and Administration Portfolio.
2. The efficiency dividend is calculated and reduced from the Core Department's revenue as each new forward year is created. Therefore forward year estimates of the Core Department's revenue already exclude the dividend returned to government.
3. There are no specific staff reductions that are attributable to the funding of the efficiency dividend.
4. No.
5. No.

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6. Nil Impact.

7. Nil impact.