

**Finance and Public Administration Legislative Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio National Water Commission**

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**Question: PM93**

**Topic:** Efficiency Dividend

**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. There was no efficiency dividend for 2004/05 year, as it was the Commission's first year of operation. As indicated in table 2.2 Agency Measure in the Portfolio Budget Statement, there will be a \$25 000 reduction in out years.

Answer for questions 2 through 7:

As the announcement occurred prior to the establishment of the National Water Commission, the increase in the efficiency dividend has not affected business operations.