

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation
Outcome/Program: General
Topic: Staffing Reductions

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F96

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 6 July 2012

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- a) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
- b) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening

Answer:

- a) As referenced in the department's 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statement, there will be a reduction of approximately 50 budgeted, full time equivalent (FTE) staff. This will be achieved where there are areas of consolidation of functions and activities, process improvements, a reduction in the number of branches in some groups and the rationalisation of policy support in specific areas.
- b) The department is required to absorb an additional one-off efficiency dividend of 2.5 per cent in 2012-13, along with an ongoing 20 per cent reduction in our capital budget. We also need to realise productivity savings to fund the 3 per cent (or \$4.5 million) annual salary increase for all eligible staff over the next two years. In addition, following the announcement of the additional efficiency dividend, agencies were also advised of a reassessment of employer superannuation contributions to Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (PSS) policy holders. For Finance this resulted in an adjustment and the need to fund an additional \$1.6 million in 2012-13.

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Answer:

- a) No.
- b) N/A.

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- b) Not applicable.