

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Public Service Efficiencies

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F75

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 12 July 2013

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In addition, please provide the following detail:

- b) Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?
- c) Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?

Answer:

- a) – c) Refer to the Department's response to question F10, May Budget Estimates 2013-14.

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Answer:

- a) The AEC has continues to operate within its appropriated budget.
- b) Please refer to Department of Finance and Deregulation response to May 2013 Budget Estimates F10.
- c) The AEC has not been informed of its specific targets in relation to this savings measure.

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Outcome/Program:
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Answer:

- a) ComSuper is required to return \$33.200m in efficiencies over the forward estimates.
- b) ComSuper has put in place a range of measures aimed at achieving savings over the forward estimates. These include:
- savings from outsourcing the administration of the Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan (PSSap)
 - consolidating its office accommodation
 - other general efficiencies.

To attempt to quantify estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) Level would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

- c) Yes, estimated at approximately \$6.800m over the forward estimates. ComSuper's current occupational density is below the revised requirement of 14 square metres per person.

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Answer:

- a) N/A.
- b) N/A.
- c) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) The costs of operating the Agency and making investments of the Future Fund are met from the assets of the Future Fund and are separate to the arrangements referred to in the budget papers. Nonetheless, the Agency maintains close oversight and control of its costs, including an annual review of the budget by the Board of Guardians and ensures that procurement arrangements through AusTender and other applicable Commonwealth procurement processes are applied.
- b) Please refer to a)
- c) Please refer to a)