

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**Additional Estimates - May 2013**

**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Public Service efficiencies

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** QoN 72

**Type of Question:** Written

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

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Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No 2 p108).

In addition, please provide the following detail:

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?

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:**

The Office is not subject to the savings measure outlined in Budget Paper No 2 p.108 requiring reduction in expenditure on staff across the EL1/EL2 and SES levels.

N/A.

Government House and Admiralty House are not leased properties they are Heritage Vice-Regal properties owned by the Commonwealth.