

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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- a) **The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed the establishment of Commonwealth Property Management Framework. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies?**
- b) **Has the implementation of this Framework lead to savings in your portfolio? Please provide details.**

Answer:

- a) The department and portfolio agencies are required to apply the Commonwealth Property Management Framework. This includes:
- application of the *Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines* to property management practices and decisions;
 - having a property management plan in place from 1 October 2010 that is approved by the Chief Executive or an official authorised by the Chief Executive, developed with regard to the *Property Management Planning Guidance* dated January 2010 for assistance;
 - provision of property data to the Department of Finance and Deregulation; and
 - where applicable, payment of savings.
- b) Total savings for the PM&C portfolio for the current Budget and forward estimates period were \$618,000.