

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010

Question: PM133

Asked By: Senator Abetz

Topic: Whole-of-government departmental efficiencies

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- a) **The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies?**
- b) **Can you provide details of how these efficiencies will be achieved? Please provide specific examples.**
- c) **Will the implementation of the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend impact on your department or portfolio agencies ability to meet the efficiencies outlined in the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook?**
- d) **Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff to meet the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies in your portfolio? If so, please provide details? Are there such plans for the future?**
- e) **Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to exceed their current budget. If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).**
- f) **Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to under spend their current budget. If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).**

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Answer:

(a) & (b) The whole-of-government departmental efficiencies were applied to the PMC portfolio as follows:

(a) Agency	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	(b) Efficiencies
Australian Institute of Family Studies	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	Internal efficiencies
Australian Public Service Commission	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	Internal efficiencies
Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet	-0.5	-1.0	-2.6	-0.6	Internal efficiencies
Portfolio total	-1.8	-3.5	-5.2	-3.3	

* Note that information on portfolio agencies not nominated to appear in the Supplementary Budget Estimates Round has not been included in this table.

- c) No.
- d) No.
- e) All programs within the portfolio are expecting to track on budget.
- f) All programs within the portfolio are expecting to track on budget.