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Question:

How has the efficiency dividend been implemented? Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.

Answer:

The Australian Public Service Commission implements the efficiency dividend by the reallocation of resources to activities and policies of the highest priority and by continuous review of internal processes to ensure the most cost effective approach is adopted seeking efficiency gains.

Allocation of reduced funding was implemented across all of the APSC business areas and saving targets are met on a group by group basis.