

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Topic: Efficiency Dividend

Asked By: Senator RYAN

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How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?

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

Answer:

Following the 2011-12 Budget, the Department undertook a zero based internal budget process to allocate available resources across the Department. A number of functions were centralised including learning and development, communications and legal advice.