

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Outcome/Program: General**

**Topic: Efficiency Dividend**

**Senator: Ryan**

**Question reference number: F62**

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**Question:**

I refer to your response to written question on notice (questions reference number: F2) from Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012). For the response provided for part of a) of the questions (copied below), please provide an estimate of the costs for each year over the forward estimates that will be saved.

a) Non-staffing related efficiencies are as follows:

Details
50% reduction in publication and printing expenditure
25% reduction in spending on hospitality and entertainment costs
25% reduction in travel costs
10% reduction in use of consultants/contractors
Reduce recruitment advertising expenditure
Better use of internal legal services
Centralised coordination of corporate learning and development
Reduction in use of stationery and other consumables

**Answer:**

The Department will achieve the following savings:

Item	Details	Estimated annual costs to be saved each year from 2012-13 to 2015-16
Publication and printing expenditure	50% reduction	\$167,000
Hospitality and entertainment costs	25% reduction	\$47,000
Travel costs	25% reduction	\$377,000
Consultants/contractors costs	10% reduction	\$1,451,000
Recruitment advertising expenditure	Reduction	\$8,000

<b>Item</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Estimated annual costs to be saved each year from 2012-13 to 2015-16</b>
Better use of internal legal services	Reduction	\$600,000 (\$300,000 in 2012-13)
Centralised coordination of corporate learning and development	Reduction	\$1,000,000
Office consumables and stationery expenditure	Reduction	\$115,000