

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Efficiency Dividend

**Question reference number:** HSW 34

**Senator:** McKenzie

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department?
- b) What percentage of your budget must be cut?
- c) Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend? If yes, provide details of where the positions are located, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not.
- d) Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.

#### **Answer:**

- a) The department is still considering measures to achieve the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.
- b) The Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook announced a 2.5 per cent reduction to departmental operating appropriations.
- c) See a).
- d) See a).