

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 1

**Topic:** Efficiency Dividend

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**Senator Humphries** asked:

What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 per cent to 4 per cent on the department/agency's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15?

**Answer:**

As part of the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook an additional one-off 2.5% efficiency dividend was applied in 2012-13. The efficiency dividend is not set at 4% in 2013-14 or 2014-15.

The dollar impact is published in the 2011-12 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements and the Department's bottom line will not be affected by this efficiency dividend increase because we set a balanced budget each year.