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: 5

Topic: Efficiency Dividend

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Senator Humphries asked:

Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?

Answer:

The Department has yet to finalise its budget for the 2012-13 financial year. It is envisaged that any potential reduction in staffing numbers, including contractors and consultants, will be managed through natural attrition, reduction in non-ongoing employees and moving staff from low to high priority work.