

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 012

Topic: Efficiency Dividend

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Senator Fifield asked:

How will FaHCSIA implement the efficiency dividend? Give examples of the types of cuts FaHCSIA will make (i.e. no more pot plants in departmental buildings).

Answer:

The Department manages the efficiency dividend, including any changes to the rate, through early allocation of internal budgets, to Groups and States to ensure that business planning is linked to available resources, and two budget reviews conducted during the financial year.

This allocation of budgets encompasses:

- the efficiency dividend
- lapsing or terminating measures
- new policy proposals
- adjustments to current budget measures
- wage cost index supplementation
- workloads/priorities across the Department.