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Topic: Efficiency dividend

Senator Gallagher, Katy asked:

Senator GALLAGHER: And there was the existing one. The total of those for the efficiency dividend is? I think there was an efficiency dividend in the MYEFO but there was an existing efficiency dividend before that. I went back and had a look at the transcript. I think it was in the order of \$4.9 million over four years.

Dr Trinca: I would have to take it on advice.

Senator GALLAGHER: Could you confirm that that is the money that was returned to budget from the National Museum. Can you confirm how many staff went with that efficiency dividend? How many staff did you lose?

Answer:

Efficiency savings of \$4.9 million over four years were announced in December 2015 as part of the 2015-16 MYEFO document. The Museum recognised these savings in the 2016-17 Budget Papers.

An increase to the efficiency dividend was announced in the 2016-17 Budget that applied from 2017-18 for three years. This increase returned \$2.8 million to the budget and was recognised in the Additional Estimates Statements 2016-17 papers.

The total amount returned to the budget for the period 2015-16 to 2019-20 is \$7.7 million.

The Museum did not lose any staff through the efficiency savings.