

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

Question: BET 1308-1313

Topic: Public Service Efficiencies

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1308. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).
1309. In addition, please provide the following detail:
- a. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?
 - b. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?
1310. Has there been a reduction in business flights?
- a. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
1311. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?
- a. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?
 - b. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
1312. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.
- a. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?
 - b. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
1313. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?
- a. If not, why not?
 - b. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?
 - c. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not?
 - d. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

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Answer:

1308. The savings attributed to the Commission as at Budget 2013-14 are shown as a measure in the Commission's section of the Treasury portfolio budget statements (see 2013-14 Budget Related Paper No. 1.18, page 339). The Commission manages its outlays within its appropriation budget and will continue to do so as that appropriation is adjusted over time. It does this through flexible deployment of the available resources against the Commission's needs which vary over time as the nature and content of the work program changes.
1309. a. No.
b. No.
- 1310-1313. There has been no change since the previous response to these questions (AET 695).