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Question:

For how long have the full and partial exemptions to the efficiency dividend been in place?

Answer:

The application and scope of exemptions from the ongoing efficiency dividend (ED) have varied over time. The table below provides those entities which currently have a full or partial exemption from the ongoing ED, and the financial year in which that full or partial exemption was first applied.

Exemption applies to	Application	Start date
<u>Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)</u>	Full	1997-98
<u>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)</u>	Full	2003-04
<u>Department of Defence</u> The ED applies to approximately 11 per cent of Defence expenditure. A reduced rate of Efficiency Dividend, with a phase-in rate of 0.25 per cent per year, was applied to this component of Defence expenditure in 2005–06. Defence became subject to the full 1.25 per cent Efficiency Dividend rate from 2009–10.	Partial	2005-06
<u>Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS)</u> The ED applies to ACBPS funding except:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • its Coast watch contractual arrangements for surveillance aircrafts and helicopters; and • the Import Processing Charge. 	Partial	2006-07 1996-97
<u>Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)</u> The ED applies to 12 per cent of AIMS funding	Partial	2007-08
<u>Safe Work Australia (SWA)</u>	Full	2010-11
<u>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)</u> The ED applies to 30 per cent of CSIRO funding	Partial	2010-11
<u>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology (ANSTO)</u> The ED applies to 15 per cent of ANSTO funding	Partial	2010-11
<u>Australia Council</u> The ED applies to Australia Council's funding except:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grants to major performing arts organisations. 	Partial	2011-12