

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Deregulation Function

Senator: Wong

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Question:

1. Has the department's budget changed since the Deregulation function was transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?
2. If so, what was the financial impact of the transfer? Provide details by financial year over the forward estimates.
3. What impact will the reduced funding have on the department's remaining functions?
4. In the transfer, how were staff members re-assigned? Did any staff members lose their positions? Were any offered voluntary redundancies?

Answer:

1. Yes.
2. The Department's budget has been reduced as follows:

\$,000	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Budget transferred	\$6,262*	\$8,694	\$8,643	\$8,609	\$8,693

* The 2013-14 figure is a part year figure.

3. None.
4. 47 staff transferred across to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. No staff members lost their positions, and no voluntary redundancies were offered.