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**Question:**

1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
2. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
3. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
4. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?
5. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

**Answer:**

1. OIGIS undertakes limited domestic air travel and occasional international travel. Travel requirements vary, increasing in the event of any inquiries requiring interstate travel. Air travel spending reduced from approximately \$60 000 in 2011/12 to approximately \$4000 in 2012/13. This reduction in travel was achieved by having fewer staff conduct each interstate inspection, conducting electronic file inspections, and undertaking no international travel. There are no estimated savings in the forward years.
2. Since January 2012, OIGIS has reduced the use of external legal consultants by recruiting a staff member with legal qualifications. No further efficiencies can be made in this area.
3. All recruitment advertisement for OIGIS is already online therefore there is no opportunity for further savings in this area.
4. The Annual Report is the only publication printed by OIGIS and no further savings can be achieved in this area. The printing costs for the annual report have reduced from approximately \$16,000 in 2011/12 to \$8,620 in 2012/13.
5. All required savings targets have been applied to the OIGIS budget.