Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2013-2014

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0011_14

Senator Back provided in writing.

2013-14 Budget Measure - Public Service efficiencies

Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No 2 p108). In addition, please provide the following detail: 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? 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?

Answer

The question relating to the allocation of savings to be achieved in implementing a more efficient management structure duplicates a question taken on notice by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) at their appearance on 29 May 2013 (p.48 of the Hansard proof refers). Please refer to Finance's response to question F10 from the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee.

DEEWR was abolished.