Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 22

Topic: Efficiency Dividend

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Senator McKenzie asked:

Will any staff positions be cut to meet the efficiency divided? If yes, provide details of where the positions are located, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not.

Answer:

There are no plans for reducing staffing numbers at this time.

The Department has yet to finalise its budget for the 2012-13 financial year. It is envisaged that any potential reduction in staffing numbers, including contractors and consultants, will be managed through natural attrition, reduction in non-ongoing employees and moving staff from low to high priority work.