

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Question:

- a) What is a notional 1.5% pay increase for all DHS employees per annum for the next three years as a percentage of the department's budget?
- b) What percentage wage increase did DHS budget for in 2014/15?

Answer:

- a) A 1.5 per cent increase would translate to approximately 1.94 per cent of the department's expense budget over the next three years.
- b) The budget published in the 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statements included indexation in line with budget policy issued by the Department of Finance. For the 2014-15 financial year, wage cost indexation was more than offset by the efficiency dividend applied in that year.