

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 10 – Sport and Recreation

Topic: Australian Sports Commission Efficiency Dividend

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Peris, Nova

Question:

Table 1.3 in the Australian Sports Commission Agency Budget Statement shows a temporary 0.25% Efficiency Dividend.

How will this Efficiency Dividend be applied?

Will this result in staffing reductions?

If so, how many and are they additional to the reduction of 26 in the average staffing levels? (mentioned on page 136 of Budget Paper Number 4 (Agency Resourcing) it states that Average Staffing levels for Australian Sports Commission will be 584 for 2015-16. A reduction of 26)

If so, will they be front-line service delivery roles?

Answer:

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) undertook a management initiated organisational effectiveness review (OER) to assist in identifying the areas where the ASC can achieve discretionary savings through efficiency and effectiveness of business processes. Savings were identified in the areas of travel, training, procurement, grant programs and administration, and staffing.

One of the specific recommendations from the OER was for function rationalisation and reduction in staffing, primarily through reductions in management layers, which has been factored into the 2015-16 Budget.

The 26 reduction in the average staffing level on page 136 of Budget Paper Number 4 (Agency Resourcing) is primarily regional co-ordinator roles as result of the Active After School Communities Programme terminating on 31 December 2014, partly offset by the commencement of the new measure Sporting Schools Initiative Programme under a new delivery model; as well as reductions from the implementation of OER.