

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11- 027

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND

Senator McKenzie asked:

- a) How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?
- b) Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.

Answer:

a) and b)

The Department has developed a strategy to responsibly manage the implementation of the efficiency dividend. The strategy includes the following:

- reducing overheads through savings in corporate costs;
- prioritisation of non essential work;
- savings initiatives identified as part of the Strategic Review;
- ASL reductions through natural attrition;
- non renewal of non ongoing officers and/or contractors/consultants; and
- re-allocation of staff within the Department.