Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 268

Topic: Making the Public Service more efficient

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Senator Boyce asked:

How will the use of external consultants and contractors be reduced? How will this impact on the Department/agency? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

Group and State Managers are expected to meet budget targets. This involves judgements about how to reduce the use of external consultants and contractors while continuing to deliver outcomes. It is too early to predict savings over the forward estimates period.