

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

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**Question: SBT 585-589**

**Topic: Public Service Efficiencies**

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**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

585. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
586. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
587. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
588. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?
589. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

**Answer:**

585-589.

The Commission manages its outlays, including travel, printing, recruitment and external consultants within its appropriation budget and will continue to do.

Recruitment advertising is placed online, unless an exemption is granted in particular circumstances (eg SES positions) in accordance with the whole-of-government Non-Campaign Recruitment Advertising Policy.