

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

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Question

2.5 per cent efficiency dividend

Senator KIM CARR: What is the total saving for the department in the forward estimates to deliver the 2.5 per cent efficiency dividend? .. Ms Paul: As I said, I announced a voluntary redundancy round of 100 earlier this year, which we are currently going through. We are currently oversubscribed for that round of 100 on offer. We are going through the process now and we will offer voluntary redundancies in June and July. Senator KIM CARR: And that will be the total \$30 million? Ms Paul: Well, 100 wouldn't be. We have taken reductions year on year for about four years in a row now from the former department to this one, so I would have to take the breakdown on notice. Mr Griew: \$30 million is over four years. So this measure then re-bases us.

Answer

The management of the departmental budget takes into account all impacts, not stand alone efficiency measures. The estimates take into account adjustments for efficiency dividends, targeted savings, and the commencement and cessation of measures.

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The department has previously confirmed that around 100 voluntary redundancies would be sought to position the department to meet its final 2014-15 resourcing levels.