

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004205

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Question

Government Waste

1. Is there a departmental definition on the meaning of 'waste', and if so, what is that definition?
2. What are the Department's arrangements for monitoring and managing waste?
3. Is there a central Departmental mechanism (e.g. phone number, email address, web site) for public servants or contractors to report Departmental waste?
4. How much waste was identified by the Department in FY 13/14, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16?
5. Can Departmental officers or contractors report waste anonymously? Are they afforded a protection if they do so?

Answer

All officials are required under the PGPA Act and APS Code of Conduct to use Commonwealth resources in an efficient, effective, economical and ethical manner.

Furthermore the Department of Finance has a number of whole-of-government strategies and frameworks that seek to drive efficiency and effectiveness of the public service.
'Refer to the Department of Finance's response to Additional Estimates Question F128'.