

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

With reference to evidence by officials at the Finance Additional Estimates Hearing on 9 February 2016 regarding the decrease in the budget process operational rules: “I think we went from around 140 to 150 different rules down to 40 to 50”.

1. Can the Department provide details of each of the rules that are no longer in the Budget Process Operational Rules?
2. Does their removal mean that the old rules no longer apply to the Budget Process?
3. If not, where are these old rules now? What documents are they contained in?

Answer:

The Budget Process Operational Rules (BPORs) for the 2016-17 Budget were streamlined from 145 rules to 17 rules with sub-clauses. The BPORs focussed on matters directly relating to policy proposals and Budget estimates. A number of rules were consolidated and information and guidance on matters already available to entities in other documentation were removed to reduce duplication and red tape.