

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16**

Finance Portfolio  
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**Topic:** Budget Process Operational Rules – offsets for bids

**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

Are all new bids for departmental expenditure, whether they are for public service average staffing level or external staff such as contractors or consultants, required to be fully offset?

**Answer:**

The Budget Process Operational Rules require all new policy proposals that have a negative impact on the Budget to be fully offset.