

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 2/2.1

**Topic:** Finance

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

The Government has slated over \$43m in savings by moving to more efficient practices for public affairs and internal communications over the forward estimates. Can you tell the committee what exactly this involves and how the savings will be achieved? Less staff, less external consultants etc?

**Answer:**

This will be achieved by applying a reduction in estimated communications expenditure across portfolio agencies of 2.5 per cent in 2014–15 and 5 per cent in 2015–16, 2016–17 and 2017–18. The implementation of those savings will be determined by individual Portfolio Secretaries and Chief Executives of other affected agencies.