

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013–14
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio
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Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Public Service efficiencies

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

Question

- 1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?**
- 2. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?**
- 3. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?**
- 4. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?**
- 5. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?**

Answer

1. No.
2. No.
3. For the period 7 September to 25 November 2013, all Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) recruitment has been undertaken online through the Parliament of Australia website and the APS Jobs website.
4. The PBO has minor printing expenses.
5. Not applicable.