

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Efficiency dividend

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Abetz

**QUESTION No.:** AI-12

How has your agency implemented the one-off two per cent efficiency dividend (ED)?  
Where have savings been achieved – ie which programs/resources have been cut?  
Have you had to reduce any activities that you consider to be ‘core business’ or have you had to reduce service standards as a result of the ED?

**ANSWER**

The 2008-09 Budget included a range of Budget measures, including new expense measures and saving measures that impacted the Department. These measures along with the impact of the on-going 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend and the one-off 2 per cent efficiency dividend were considered in totality as part of the internal allocation of resources by the Department. As a result the impact of the one-off 2 per cent efficiency dividend can not be uniquely identified and was spread across the Department in such a way as to minimise the impact on business activities and service standard levels.