

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 232 - 233
Topic: ABS Efficiency Dividend
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Senator Bushby asked:

- 232. How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?
- 233. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.

Answer:

- 232. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) meets the efficiency dividend through continual monitoring and evaluation of our operations to ensure effective and efficient achievement of deliverables and to maximise opportunities to improve our productivity. This forms part of the ABS' ongoing corporate governance framework.
- 233. The ABS does not specifically or separately identify spending reductions or work program cuts in response to efficiency dividends - instead activity is prioritised and matched to the required resources to deliver required outputs against the level of funding available.