

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
30 & 31 MAY 2005**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Financial Management Group**

**Question Number: W183-06**

**Question:**

Senator Marshall asked at Hansard page 56:

Can the Department provide what the efficiency dividends have been since 1996?

**Answer:**

The efficiency dividend was introduced in 1987-88 and was originally applied at the rate of 1.25 per cent per annum on total net running costs. Since 1994-95, the efficiency dividend rate has been set at 1 per cent per annum. In 1996-97 there was an additional one-off 2% efficiency dividend on departmental operating costs across the board. The efficiency dividend was increased in 2005-06 budgets to 1.25 per cent for the three year period from 2005-06 to 2007-08. This increase was announced in the government's election commitment entitled Recognising Senior Australians - Their Needs and Their Carers.