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Senator Minchin asked Could you take it on notice to supply to the committee

- i. evidence that the ANAO had tabled reports in the caretaker period prior to the Regional Partnerships report?
- ii. evidence that the ANAO prior to the 2007 election had tabled reports during caretaker periods?

Response:

- i. Four reports were tabled during the 2007 caretaker period prior to the Regional Partnerships report.
- ii. The below table provides information on the number of reports tabled during the caretaker period of each of the last four elections.

Election year	Caretaker period	No. of days in period	No. of reports tabled
2007	17/10 - 3/12	48	6
2004	31/8 - 9/10	40	0
2001	8/10 - 10/11	34	2
1998	31/8 - 3/10	34	4

Details of reports tabled and tabling dates is at Attachment A.

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Senator Robert Ray asked could the ANAO provide the committee with a copy of the legal advice sought in relation to the timing of the tabling of reports during caretaker periods?

Response:

A copy of the legal advice sought in relation to the tabling of reports during caretaker periods is at Attachment B.

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Senator Murray asked I would ask you on notice whether you could provide to the committee at the earliest opportunity the real effects of the efficiency dividend cut and your views on whether it is manageable or whether it will have a negative effect on the broader fiscal objective of the government, which is to reduce unnecessary expenditure or wasteful expenditure?

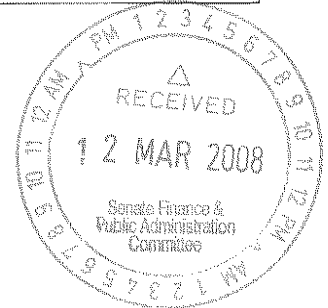
Response:

The impact of the application of the one off 2% efficiency dividend on the ANAO amounts to a reduction of just over \$5 m over 4 years to ANAO resources. Coupled with the changes in ANAO estimates by the 0.25 per cent increase in efficiency dividend at the 2007-08 MYEFO, this takes the total impact of the efficiency dividend for the ANAO to \$7.5 m over 4 years.

AUDIT REPORTS TABLED DURING CARETAKER PERIODS

2007 Election Caretaker Period: 17th of October to 3rd December 2007

Audit Report No.11 2007-08
Management of the FFG Capability Upgrade
Department of Defence
Defence Materiel Organisation
Tabling date: 31 October 2007



Audit Report No.12 2007-08
Administration of High Risk Income Tax Refunds in the Individuals and Micro Enterprises Market Segments
Australian Taxation Office
Tabling date: 1 November 2007

Audit Report No.13 2007-08
The Australian Taxation Office's Approach to Managing Self Managed Superannuation Fund Compliance Risks
Australian Taxation Office
Tabling date: 1 November 2007

Audit Report No.14 2007-08
*Performance Audit of the Regional Partnerships Programme:
Volume 1-Summary and Recommendations
Volume 2-Main Report
Volume 3-Project Case Studies*
Department of Transport and Regional Services
Tabling date: 15 November

Audit Report No.15 2007-08
Administration of Australian Business Number Registrations: Follow-up Audit
Australian Taxation Office
Tabling date: 29 November 2007

Audit Report No.16 2007-08
Data Integrity in the Child Support Agency
Child Support Agency
Department of Human Services
Tabling date: 30 November 2007

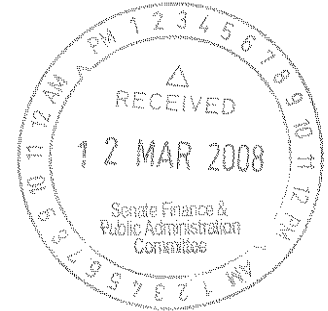
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2004 Election **Caretaker Period:** **31st August to 9th October 2004**

No Audit Reports tabled during caretaker period

2001 Election **Caretaker Period:** **8th October to 10th November 2001**

Audit Report No.17 Performance Audit
Administration of Petroleum Excise Collections
Australian Taxation Office
Tabling date: **26 October 2001**



Audit Report No.18 Performance Audit
Performance Information In Portfolio Budget Statements
Across Agencies
Tabling date: **1 November 2001**

1998 Election **Caretaker Period;** **31st August to 3rd October 1998**

Audit report No. 6
Audit Activity Report Jan-Jun '98 - Summary of Outcomes
Across Agencies
Tabling date; 31 August 1998

Audit Report No. 7
Management of the Implementation of the New Employment Services Market
Education, Science and Training
Tabling date: 7 September 1998

Audit Report No. 8
Safeguarding Our National Collections
Across Agencies
Tabling date: 28 September 1998

Audit Report No. 9
Accountability and Performance Information
Australian Sports Commission
Tabling date: 28 September 1998

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