

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

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Topic: Efficiency Dividend

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Question:

1. What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on the department/agency's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15?
2. What percentage of the department/agency's budget is designated to staffing?
3. What is the size of the department/agency's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants.
4. What specific strategies will the department/agency adopt to ensure continued operation within budget?
5. Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?

Answer:

1. The effect of the increased efficiency dividend on the OIGIS bottom line for 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15 is as follows:

	Original Total Departmental Appropriation \$'000	Revised Total Departmental Appropriation \$'000	Impact of increase on Departmental appropriation \$'000
2012/13	2,250	2,194	56
2013/14	2,261	2,204	57
2014/15	2,275	2,218	57

2. The percentage of OIGIS budget designated to staffing for 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 is as follows:

2012/13	0.79
2013/14	0.79
2014/15	0.79

3. OIGIS currently has 14 permanent ongoing staff, including the Inspector-General. This includes 11 full time staff and 3 part time staff, for a total FTE of 13. The agency does not currently have any casual staff or contractors employed. There is one consultant currently engaged for a short term project.
4. Strategies adopted by the agency to ensure continued operation within budget include:
- Reduction in travel (both domestic and overseas)
 - Reduction in requirement for legal services following engagement of a staff member with legal qualifications
 - Prioritisation of discretionary spending such as training, stationery and equipment
5. There are no current plans to reduce staffing in OIGIS for 2012-13. The recent engagement of a staff member with legal qualifications has reduced the requirement for legal consultants.