

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Efficiency dividend

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

1. How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department?
2. What percentage of your budget must be cut?
3. Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend? If yes, provide details of where the positions are located, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not.
4. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend

Answer:

1. The affect of the additional 2.5% efficiency dividend (\$1.9 million) as announced by Government in its MYEFO statement in December 2011 will require the ANAO to review its deliverables as stated in the 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements, particularly in the forward years.
2. The total value of the application of the efficiency dividend on the ANAO resourcing is \$16.9 million on operating expenses and \$2.3 million on capital expenditure over the forward estimates.
3. The ANAO does not require any staff positions to be cut.
4. The ANAO would plan to rely on reduced contract-in staff and staff turnover to meet any future resourcing changes required to meet reduced deliverables over the forward estimates.