

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Australian Sports Commission - savings

Senator: Kroger

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Question:

Page 265 of Budget Paper's No 2 provides for a new multicultural policy which includes a Multicultural Youth Sports Partnership Program administered by the Australian Sports Commission. The Budget states that: the cost of this measure will be met (partially) through savings identified by the Australian Sports Commission.

- 1. How much are these savings?**
- 2. Do these savings relate to the administrative savings identified in the Budget? If not, where are these savings coming from?**
- 3. What is the total amount of savings being made from the Australian Sports Commission out of this Budget?**
- 4. Given that the Government provided \$195 million of new spending to the ASC last year, and are now clawing back \$7.4 million, is this an indication that the ASC was over budgeted last year from the Department's perspective?**
- 5. The Department has detailed that there are \$7.4 million of administrative savings to be found at the ASC. Does this mean that if funding levels had continued - in the department's view - there would have been \$7.4 million of wasted expenditure at the ASC?**

Answer:

1-3 & 5 See response to Question number 82.

4. The Government determines the Australian Sports Commission appropriation each year through the Budget process.