

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Public Service efficiencies**

Question: **110**

Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 12 July 2013

- a. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No 2 p108).
- b. In addition, please provide the following detail:
 - i. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?
 - ii. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?

Answer

- a) DPS targeted savings through the 'Public Service efficiencies' are as follows:
 - 2012-13: -\$381,000
 - 2013-14: -\$568,000
 - 2014-15: -\$810,000
 - 2015-16: -\$931,000
 - 2016-17: -\$886,000
- b)
 - i. DPS is currently undergoing a structural re-alignment. At this stage, savings are yet to be identified by implementing more efficient management structures across the Executive or Senior Executive Service levels.
 - ii. When major fitouts are undertaken by DPS, the occupational density target is taken into consideration in the design phase to maximise efficient use of office space however, savings cannot be estimated in relation to changes to the occupational density target.