

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates Hearing 27 May-6 June 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

1. 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).
2. In addition, please provide the following detail:
 - a) 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?
 - b) 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:

1. The Department is unable to provide details of the amended operational efficiencies the Department will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies'. These savings have been reflected in the contingency reserve. Final allocation of savings across agencies has not been determined.
2. (a) No. The level of savings has been reflected in the contingency reserve. Final allocation of savings across agencies has not been determined.

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- (b) There is no impact on the Department over the forward estimates period from 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.