

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 27-28 May 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Public Service Efficiencies

Senator: Senator Ryan

Question reference number: 72

Type of Question: Written

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

Number of pages: 1

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:
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?
3. 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?

ONA Response:

1. Savings associated with this Budget Measure are being applied to leases forecast in the original September 2009 data capture for the period up to 30 June 2013. In ONA's case, these were the leases on its former property at Russell and equate to \$58,336 in 2013-14 and \$70,004 in 2014-15.
2. 2012-13 \$147,000; 2013-14 \$187,000; 2014-15 \$156,000; 2015-16 \$225,000; 2016-17 \$214,000
3. ONA committed to its current lease prior to the introduction of occupational density targets and will not be committing to any new leases within Australia until well after the forward estimates period. The opportunity to sub-lease existing space to other agencies is limited by the nature of ONA's business.