

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Bernardi asked:

The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed the establishment of Commonwealth Property Management Framework.

- a) How has the roll out of this progressed? Please explain.
- b) Have savings been realised? Please explain. Can you give a figure amount? How do you know savings have been realised?

Answer:

- a) The following tasks have been completed as part of the Commonwealth Property Management Framework since the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook:
 - a. property data collection established in September 2009;
 - b. *Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines* issued in October 2009;
 - c. *Property Management Planning Guidance* issued in January 2010;
 - d. first round of savings included in the 2010-2011 Budget; and
 - e. *Australian Government Office Occupancy Report 2009* published in November 2010.
- b) The first round of savings are being realised in the 2010-11 Budget and Forward Estimates period, via a reduction in agency appropriations. Savings of \$46.2 million are to be returned to Budget over this period, with agencies retaining additional savings of \$23.1 million. Further savings will be included in the 2011-12 Budget.