

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0052) Program Internal Product: Internal Product**

Senator Humphries asked:

Efficiency dividend: How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department? What percentage of your budget must be cut?

*Answer:*

**DIAC:**

The 2.5% efficiency dividend equates to approximately \$28.1 million in 2012-13. This funding reduction will be shared across all Outcomes. The current departmental business planning process for 2012-13 is considering a range of strategies to reduce expenditure in order to operate within the available appropriation.

**MRT-RRT:**

The Migration Review Tribunal-Refugee Review Tribunal will achieve efficiencies through a reduction in capital expenditure. The tribunals' budget will be reduced by approximately one percent.