

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Program SPCG**

**Question No. 80**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:**

- a. Has the Attorney-General's portfolio started implementing the Government's savings election commitment of maintaining the annual efficiency dividend on departmental expenses at 1.25 per cent? If not, why not? If yes, give details.
- b. Will any agencies in your portfolio be seeking exemption to implementing the efficiency dividend?
- c. How do you think you will implement it? Give examples of the types of cuts you will make (eg no more pot plants in the departmental buildings).
- d. Will there be cuts to staff? If yes, give details

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

Implementation of the Government's election commitment to maintain the efficiency dividend at 1.25 per cent will occur as part of the 2011-12 Budget process.