



**DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC SECTOR EXPENDITURE**

**The impact of the three percent efficiency dividend on the Disability Services Commission's budget**

On 13 October 2008 the State Government endorsed the implementation of a three percent efficiency dividend on all public sector agencies.

The efficiency dividend for the Disability Services is as follows:

	\$million			
	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
	2.133	4.348	4.432	4.506

**Strategies to be implemented by the Disability Services Commission to meet the three percent efficiency target**

In 2008-09 the target will be achieved through a combination of:

1. Part-year cost savings from growth funding allocations. In previous years, such savings were applied to a range of one-off initiatives such as non-recurrent grants, specific training and development activities, school holiday programs, and IT systems development, and
2. A reduction of expenditure within base activities such as:
  - planned delays in filling staff vacancies (except in service delivery areas)
  - absorbing the reform and organisational development functions within existing directorates
  - replacement of IT equipment and infrastructure over a longer period
  - improved asset management
  - increasing the percentage of 4 cylinder vehicles in the Commission's fleet

**The impact of the three percent efficiency dividend on the delivery of services provided by the Disability Services Commission**

The Commission's strategy will not result in any reduction in existing services.

The Commission will meet all output targets. The Commission will also ensure that its obligation towards the Commonwealth Government under the National Disability Agreement is fully met.

The growth in services during the period 2008-09 to 2011-12 is anticipated to occur at an unprecedented rate.

The achievement of the 3% efficiency dividend will require some reduction in expenditure in base operations. This will have no impact on service delivery.

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