



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR 2011/12 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING****SCIENCE AND INNOVATION**

Monday, 20 June 2011
Department of Commerce

Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich asked –

Savings in Agency Staff and Programs

1) *What targeted savings in agency programs will be made in the out years?*

Answer: The Industry, Science and Innovation Division of the department has not yet identified savings in divisional programs in the out years.

2) *What specific programs will be cut in 2011-2012?*

Answer: The Industry, Science and Innovation Division of the department does not propose to cut any programs in 2011-2012.

3) *What targeted savings will be achieved by the agency through the new round of voluntary separations?*

Answer: The Industry, Science and Innovation Division of the department will not achieve any savings through the new round of voluntary separations.

4) *How many cuts to agency programs will that mean since September 2008?*

Answer: 3

5) *How many additional FTE will be cut through –*

5.1 Voluntary severance

5.2 Involuntary severance

Answer: The Industry, Science and Innovation Division of the department does not propose to cut any FTE through either voluntary or involuntary severances.

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Strategic Review

- 6) *What will this bring the total cuts to in each of the above categories since September 2008?*

Answer: Since September 2008 the Industry, Science and Innovation Division of the department has not cut its FTE through involuntary severances, but has reduced its FTE by 13 through voluntary severances.

- 7) *Has there been a strategic review of the agency's activities to ensure that the activities and service delivery is aligned with the Government's priorities?*

Answer: Yes.

- 8) *If yes to (7) when was it conducted and by who?*

Answer: A full independent review of the Industry, Science and Innovation Division of the department was conducted in 2009 by the Centre for International Economics, and the interim Council for Science and Innovation responded to this review and proposed recommendations to the Minister.

- 9) *Can the review be provided to the Committee and if not why not?*

Answer: The full review was published by the Centre and is publicly available from the department's website. The interim Council's report "From Strength to Strength" is available on the Technology and Industry Advisory Council (TIAC) website.




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Value for Money Review

- 10) *Has there been a value for money review of the agency to determine the efficiency of agency's service delivery and the effectiveness of the outcomes achieved?*



Answer: Yes.

- 11) *If yes to (10) when was it conducted and by who?*

Answer: In 2009 the former Minister for Commerce engaged Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu ("Deloitte") to conduct a value for money review of the Department of Commerce. Deloitte's Report was provided to the Minister on 1 February 2010.

- 12) *Can the review be provided to the Committee and if not why not?*

Answer: The report is not publically available as it relates to matters for submission to or deliberation of an Executive body.

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Cost and Demand Models

- 13) *Has the agency developed cost and demand models to strengthen the budget process to develop a more in-depth understanding of the cost and demand drivers in key service delivery areas?*

Answer: No.

- 14) *If yes to (13) when was it conducted and by who?*

Answer: N/a.

- 15) *Can the review be provided to the Committee and if not why not?*

Answer: N/a.

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