

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

Australian Communications and Media Authority

Question No: 32

Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Staff reductions

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?
2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.
4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
6. How many ongoing staff left the Department/Agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?
7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?

Answer:

1. (1 November 2013 to 28 February 2014)

Termination Reason	No
Ceased Contract Early	1
Contract Completed	6
Resignation from APS	4
Retired at or after 55	2
Return to Home Agency	2
Voluntary Redundancy	1
Grand Total	16

2. No involuntary redundancies
3. The ACMA's staffing numbers will continue to reduce as a result of the wind-down of the NPP funded digital program and as a result of the agency continuing to reprioritise its work including to support the Government's deregulatory agenda. The ACMA is currently reviewing how reductions will be achieved, but at this stage there is no plan for involuntary redundancies.
4. See 3 above
5. See 3 above

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6. (1 November 2013 to 28 February 2014)

Classification	Ongoing	Ongoing – Return to home agency	Grand Total
ACMA 4	1		1
ACMA 6	1	1	2
EL 1	3	1	4
SES 1	1		1
Grand Total	6	2	8

7. (1 November 2013 to 28 February 2014)

Classification	Non-Ongoing (Spec'd Term)	Grand Total
ACMA 4	1	1
ACMA 5	2	2
ACMA 6	5	5
Grand Total	8	8