

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question:** SBT 39

**Topic:** AVO – staff numbers (ATO)

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

**Senator BUSHBY:** I have some questions now for the Australian Valuation Office. At May budget estimates, I asked the office some questions in relation to travel expenses and the answer you provided demonstrates that a saving of about \$74,000 could have been made if the various meetings we discussed were held in Canberra instead of around the country. Since then, has the AVO implemented any measures to address travel costs and moved to change procedures?

**Mr Becker:** That was a one-off situation of a re-engagement strategy after a number of years where we had not had any meetings in the regions. That has finished and any future meetings will be held at the most cost effective site, which in general would be Canberra.

**Senator BUSHBY:** Could you advise your total staff numbers and how many of those staff are classified as administrative support? I am happy for you to take that on notice.

**Mr Becker:** Yes, I would like to take that on notice because it does vary.

**Senator BUSHBY:** Could you give me a table with the various classifications?

**Mr Becker:** Yes, I am happy to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

As at 31 October 2012, there are 223 employees within the Australian Valuation Office (AVO) and 12 of these are contractors.

There are currently 27 employees (12% of total employees) delivering corporate functions such as human resources, information technology, freedom of information, ministerial correspondence, reporting, governance, assurance, finance and the operation of office of the General Manager.

There are currently 196 employees (including contractors) employed delivering valuation service functions including valuations, assessments, land title searches, client relationship management, workflow management and business development.

**Classification of AVO employees as at 31 October 2012**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Employees providing corporate functions</b>	<b>Total employees</b>
APS 3	2	17
APS 4	5	12
APS 5	3	4
APS 6	3	18
EL1	8	10
EL1 (Valuer)	0	62
EL2.1	1	14
EL2.2	4	8
SES	1	2
Valuer in training	0	7
Valuer	0	57
Contractors	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>223</b>