

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

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Senator: Seselja/Smith

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Question:

Senator Seselja: Are you able to provide a breakdown of programs scheduled to terminate over the forward estimates as a result of decisions prior to the change of government?

Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice.

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Senator Smith: Mr Tune, can you provide to the committee a departmental breakdown of the 14,500 job losses that have been referred to in the evidence this morning?

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Mr Tune: We could give an indicative schedule, but the only one that has been fully allocated out to agencies is the efficient management structures.....

Senator Smith: So you are able to provide a definitive number in regard to one element-

Mr Tune: Yes.

Senator Smith: and an indicative number in regard to other elements?

Mr Tune: Yes. It is going to have to be pretty high-level, I am afraid.

Answer:

To date, only the savings from 'More efficient management structures' have been fully allocated to agencies.

In relation to estimated staffing reductions associated with 2013-14 Budget forecasts (estimated implicit decrease in staffing of around 8,800) and the increase in the efficiency dividend (estimated impact of around 4,800) a disaggregated breakdown of the indicative staff reductions is not possible due to complexities of implementing Machinery of Government changes.

More Efficient Management Structures – indicative staffing reduction (846)

The following table provides an indicative staffing breakdown of the more efficient management structures savings agreed by the previous Government as part of the 2013-14 Budget and 2013 Economic Statement.

The savings were allocated on a financial basis (as a dollar value). The staffing numbers in the table below represent the savings estimated in staffing terms, consistent with total reduction in the original costing. Actual staff reductions implemented across portfolios to meet their savings may differ.

The information below is shown prior to recent machinery-of-government changes, as the savings were agreed prior to the election and the announced changes.

Portfolio	Total Staff Reduction- 2013-14 - 2016-17
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	8
Attorney-General's	54
Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	18
Defence	86
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	44
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	46
Finance and Deregulation	14
Foreign Affairs and Trade	29
Health and Ageing	23
Human Services	135
Immigration and Citizenship	52
Infrastructure and Transport	15
Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education	20
Prime Minister and Cabinet	9
Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport	13
Resources, Energy and Tourism	7
Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	49
Treasury	224
Total	846