

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SENATE ESTIMATES SESSION

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – Indigenous Portfolio bodies

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Staffing reductions

Senator: Senator the Hon Ludwig

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Question:

- a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?
- b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
- c) 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.
- d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
- e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

Answer:

The Department has not requested an answer to this question from the Indigenous portfolio bodies as in its view the provision of answers would unreasonably impact on the limited resources of Indigenous portfolio bodies so as to cause a significant distraction from their core functions.