

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:**

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

**Topic:** Staffing Reductions

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 179

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- (1) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 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.

**Answer:**

- (1) Since 7 September 2013, the Office has had no staff reductions or voluntary redundancies.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The Office has no current plans for staff reductions.
- (4) Not applicable.

(5) The Office has no current plans for involuntary redundancies.