

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Staffing Reductions

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?

ONA Response:

ONA has not replaced two staff who left voluntarily in the period from 7 September 2013 to 18 November 2013.

Question:

Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

ONA Response:

No

Question

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.

ONA Response:

- Yes
- ONA will continue to closely monitor staff numbers to ensure budget targets are achieved and any future reductions will flow from considered workforce planning, natural attrition, or voluntary redundancies.

Question

If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

ONA Response

Staff reductions are necessary for ONA to remain within budget allocations.

Question

Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

ONA Response:

There are no plans at this stage for involuntary redundancies.