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STAFFING MOVEMENTS

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Senator Boyce asked:

What are the AIHW's anticipated internal staffing movements as they relate to the drop in revenue from 2010–11 to 2011–12 for work required for the Council of Australian Governments?

Answer:

The ending of appropriation funding for data development for COAG performance reporting in 2011–12 will result in the following notional reductions in staff numbers, compared to 2010–11, in the following subject matter areas of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW): Health – 12 Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff, Disability - 3 FTE staff, and Housing and homelessness - 25 FTE staff.

Ongoing funding for recurring COAG performance reporting will continue.

On the other hand, appropriation funding for Closing the Indigenous Data Gap work for COAG will increase in 2011–12 resulting in an increase in staff numbers in the AIHW's Indigenous data units by 6 FTE.

Overall internal staff movements in the AIHW are influenced by changes in appropriation funding, changes in external funding and any change in the internal prioritisation of resources to particular activities. Taking account of these factors, the major internal staffing movements in the AIHW are:

- some reduction in staff allocated to housing and homelessness, reflecting significant implementation of the new Specialist Homelessness Services collection;
- an increase in staffing within our Indigenous-related activities, as a result of increased external funding; and
- an increase in information and communications technology staffing to increase our internal capability in this area.