

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

REDUCTIONS IN STAFF NUMBERS

In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions have been sacrificed and why? Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this?

Answer

The small reduction in staff numbers will be achieved through natural attrition. The department is continually refining business processes and support activities.

There is no target for staff reductions other than working to manage within the annual budget.