

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

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Senator Barnett provided in writing.

Question

STAFFING – EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND/BUDGET CUTS

Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? - Since the efficiency dividend was introduced? - Since additional estimates? If so, where and at what level?

Answer

The 2010-11 Budget provides an estimated ASL for the Department of 4,975, a reduction of 525 from the 2009-10 estimated actual.

This is as a result of a reduction in funding for a range of specific measures and other decisions of Government, including the accrued impacts of the efficiency dividend.

The Department is currently going through its business planning process to match resource allocations with priorities. It is also continually refining business processes and support activities.