

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Department of Education Question No. ED0157\_14**

**Senator Rhiannon asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 9**

**Question**

**Reduction in the number of staff working on Higher Ed since the Election**

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Has there been any reduction in the number of staff working within the department on higher education since the election? Ms Paul: I do not think there would have been any reduction in staff in the department working on higher education since the election. We have still simply been working through the machinery of government implications. Senator RHIANNON: You said you do not think. Does that mean you need to take it on notice so you can check? Ms Paul: I am happy to, but I would be confident that there has not been, because we have simply been going through the machinery of government changes. But I will take it on notice for you anyway.

**Answer**

There has been no reduction in the number of people within the department working on higher education since the election.