

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0227\_14**

**Senator O'Neill asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 102**

**Question**

**Staffing and funding allocation for Office for Youth**

Senator O'NEILL: What is the staffing profile of the Office for Youth? Mr Hehir: It is approximately 22 ASL. Senator O'NEILL: How many of those staff have moved to PM&C? Mr Hehir: Sorry, that is net of the movement of staff. Senator O'NEILL: How many staff did it have at the last budget? Mr Hehir: We will take that on notice. Senator O'NEILL: And what was the funding allocation in the last budget for the Office for Youth? Mr Hehir: That is not broken down at officer level but we can certainly take that on notice. pg 103 Senator O'NEILL: Is the allocation now the same or proportionally different for the movement of staff? Mr Hehir: It will be proportionally the same, yes. Senator O'NEILL: Roughly how much is it? I will not hold you to a solid number. Mr Hehir: There are a number of areas within this item, so it is more than the Office for Youth. For the Office for Youth itself, the budget for the staffing component is approximately \$3.5 million. But that includes an additional element for other pieces of work. It probably includes the stuff that went to PM&C. I will take that on notice. There are a number of programs under 2.8, which is where that general budget is identified.

**Answer**

1. At 23 October 2013 the average staffing level for the Office for Youth is 25.2 staff. This figure excludes 8.4 staff that were transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet following the Machinery of Government changes after the Federal Election.
2. In 2012–13 the average staffing level for the Office for Youth was 32.9 staff. This figure includes 8.4 staff that were transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet following the Machinery of Government changes after the Federal Election.
3. In 2012-13 the budget for the Office for Youth was \$3.729 million. In 2013–14 the budget for the Office for Youth is \$3.000 million (this excludes Indigenous programmes staff that were transferred to Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet).