

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department of Employment Question No. EM0080_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Staffing Reductions

a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

Answer

From 7 September 2013 – 17 September 2013, no people from the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations have separated as a voluntary redundancy and there were no involuntary redundancies.

The Department of Employment (the department) was established on 18 September 2013, since that date four people have separated from the department as a voluntary redundancy because they were excess to requirements. There were no involuntary redundancies.

The department will continue to manage staffing levels consistent with its internal budget.

At this stage the department has no plans for a department wide programme of voluntary or involuntary redundancies.