

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2014–15
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio
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Department	Parliamentary Budget Office
Topic	Staffing reductions
Senator	Senator Ludwig
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Type of question	Written

Question

- 1 How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?
- 2 Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
- 3 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.
- 4 If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
- 5 Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
- 6 How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?
- 7 How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?
- 8 What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position.
- 9 How do the packages differ from the default public service package?
- 10 How is the department/agency funding the packages?

Answer

- 1 Nil.
- 2 Not applicable.
- 3 No.
- 4 Not applicable.

- 5 No.
- 6 For the period 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014, two ongoing staff (1 x PSL6, 1 x PEL2) left the Parliamentary Budget Office.
- 7 Nil.
- 8 Not applicable.
- 9 Not applicable.
- 10 Not applicable.