

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 14 FEBRUARY 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Staffing

**Question reference number:** HS 30

**Senator:** Boyce

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

Are there any plans for staff reduction? 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. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

#### **Answer:**

The Department is forecasting a reduction in staffing levels in 2012-13 of 332 ASL as reported in the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements.

Given the size of the organisation, this reduction can be easily achieved through natural attrition. No services or programs are expected to be cut as a result of this reduction.

The Department's staffing numbers vary as new initiatives are implemented and other initiatives are completed.

The Department will determine the impact on staffing levels for the 2013-14 financial year once the Federal Budget has been settled in May 2013. This will be reported in the 2013-14 Portfolio Budget Statements.