

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Housing Budget

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Senator Payne asked:

With respect to the reduction in program support funding for program 2.2 for 2013-14 and 2014-15, between the 2011-12 additional estimates statements and the recent 2012-13 Budget statements, how many staff do you anticipate will be removed from this program in future years to reduce expenditure by that level? Please outline the expected staff structure for this program (including, number, position and section/branch) currently, and in future financial years.

Answer:

The reduction in program support funding for program 2.2 in the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years, is due to the cessation of funding for the Housing Affordability Fund program from 30 June 2012.

The program support estimate is based on information at a point in time. It is derived using an attribution model which takes into account average staffing costs (based on expected full time equivalent staff numbers), supplier expenses, corporate overheads (eg. accommodation and ICT) and staffing structures. Decisions regarding the staffing allocations for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years will be decided once departmental budgets for each of these years are finalised.