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Topic: WGEA Staffing Levels and Duties

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Senator Cash asked:

What have been the changes in average staffing levels since November 2007? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the budgetary implications?

Answer:

The changes in average staffing levels since November 2007, as disclosed in the Agency's Portfolio Budget Statements, are as follows:

Financial year 2007/08 – 20

Financial year 2008/09 – 19

Financial year 2009/10 – 20

Financial year 2010/11 – 21

Financial year 2011/12 – 28

Financial year 2012/13 – 35

Staff increases are a result of changes to the operations of the Agency, primarily related to the passing of the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012*.

Increased staffing costs have been met from the increased appropriation provided to the Agency as part of the reforms legislated through the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012*.