

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-183

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: STAFFING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Are there expected changes to current staffing levels over the next 12 months?
- b) If yes, provide details including a breakdown of each level staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band) detailing the changes.
- c) Will this be different to what was reported in the 2010-11 Budget?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing forecast an increase in average staffing levels of 36 to 4,622 in 2010-11 from the budget estimate of 4,586 for 2009-10.
- b) The estimated increase in staffing levels from 2009-10 to 2010-11 is anticipated to be consistent with the department's current staffing profile.
- c) Current staffing levels are presently 102 staff greater than budget however the department anticipates this will be corrected as staffing levels will move closer to budgeted levels throughout the remainder of the financial year.