

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-214

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ORDERS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Can you detail what changes have occurred in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 September 2010?
- b) Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage or whether refurbishment or additional space will need to be leased to accommodate new staff. Alternatively, will agencies be left with empty office space due to loss of staff)? Please provide details.
- c) Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band.
- d) Were there any changes in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 October 2010?
- e) Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage)? Please provide details.
- f) Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band.
- g) Can you describe what, if any, Administrative Arrangements Orders occurred in your portfolio between November 2007 and July 2010? Please detail the costs associated with these.

Answer:

- a) The Administrative Arrangement Order published on 14 September 2010 had the following impact on the department:
  - ‘Matters dealt with by the department’ no longer includes:
    - Sport and recreation.
  - ‘Legislation administered by the Minister’ no longer includes:
    - *Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006*;
    - *Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2006*;
    - *Australian Sports Commission Act 1989*.

- b) Office accommodation previously occupied by the sport branch is now vacant. This is now part of normal ‘buffer’ space utilised in the management of central office accommodation.
- c) 47 staff were identified for transfer to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. The table below outlines the breakdown of staff by APS band.

	APS4	APS5	APS6	EL1	EL2	SES1	Total
Ongoing	3	12	16	8	5	2	46
Non Ongoing	1						1
							47

- d) The Administrative Arrangement Order published on 14 October 2010 had the following impact on the department:
- ‘Matters dealt with by the department’ includes (details in italics):
    - Public health, *including health protection*, and medical research;
    - Hospitals funding *and policy*, including relationships *and linkages within the continuum of health care*.
  - ‘Legislation administered by the Minister’ includes:
    - *Healthcare Identifiers Act 2010*;
    - *Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Act 2010*;
    - *Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Act 2010*.
- e) The department did not specifically track costs associated with these changes.
- f) No transfer of functions occurred as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 October 2010. Therefore, there were no changes in the portfolio.
- g) 2009-10: No Machinery of Government changes occurred.

2008-09: As a result of Machinery of Government changes, the Indigenous Sports and Recreation function was transferred from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts to the Department of Health and Ageing on 3 November 2008.

2007-08: As a result of the Machinery of government changes made on 3 December 2007, the Department acquired the Sports and Recreation function from the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA).

The department did not specifically track costs associated with these changes.