

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-265

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: FUNDING

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How will the 10 per cent reduction in staff for the core department be achieved for 2012-13; through redundancies or attrition?

Answer:

Reductions will largely be achieved through natural attrition (currently some ten per cent per annum) and reassigning staff within the Department as vacancies arise.

If required, there may be a small number of voluntary redundancies offered in line with the conditions of the department's Collective Agreement.

There will be no involuntary redundancies.