

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 395

Topic: Organisation and Staffing

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Senator Polley asked:

The Government has announced that it plans to cut the Public service by 12,000. Is that target based on actual staff numbers or is it based on a savings target? Can you confirm that this 12,000 cut in staff levels is additional to the redundancies announced in the 2013/14 budget?

Answer:

Department of Finance has provided the following answer.

The Government announced as part of the 2013-14 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook that it remains committed to streamlining the public service, and that further decisions on the public service headcount will be taken in light of the Government's response to the findings of the National Commission of Audit.