

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Staffing

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas

Question:

How many staff have moved from the Department as a result of the machinery of government changes? How many remain in the Department of Health?

Answer:

As at 5 December 2013, the following staff have been transferred from the Department of Health:

- 1,232 staff in Aged Care programmes were transferred to the Department of Social Services (DSS) on 11 October 2013;
- Seven staff from the Indigenous Sports programmes were transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) on 25 October 2013, and
- 55 staff in Indigenous Mental Health and Drug Treatment programmes, the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategic Policy functions and associated corporate staff were transferred to PM&C on 5 December 2013.

As at 5 December 2013, a total of 3,790 staff (headcount) are in the Department of Health, including the Therapeutic Goods Administration, the National Industrial Chemical Notification and Assessment Scheme and the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator.