

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Question No: 168(l)**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016**

**Topic: Staffing reductions**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred?
  - (a) What was the reason for these reductions?
2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.
4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff?
7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?
8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position
9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?
10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?

**Answer:**

1. Seven.
  - a) Changing operational requirements.
2. No.
3. At this time no further reductions have been planned.
4. Not applicable.
5. No.
6. One EL 1.
7. Five – EL 2:1, EL1:2, L6:1, L3:1.
8. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
9. Packages are consistent with public service guidelines.
10. Within its existing resources.