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Question No: 509

Program No. TUSMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Staffing reductions

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 25 February 2014 to date? 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 from 25 February 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?
7. How many non-ongoing staff left Department/Agency from 25 February 2014 to date? 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:

- 1-5. TUSMA is a very small agency and there are no plans to reduce staffing levels.
6. One ongoing employee at the EL2 classification resigned from the Agency on 10/04/2014
7. Two non-ongoing employee's at APS 4 and EL1 classification contracts ceased on 14/04/2014 and 24/04/2014 respectively.
8. Not applicable
9. Not applicable
10. Not applicable