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Environment portfolio

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Senator Williams asked:

CHAIR: I was wondering if you could just clarify a few things for the committee, Dr Reichelt. In response to a question on notice after the last estimates hearings you confirmed that the authority is planning 25 redundancies over the three years due to efficiency dividends. Is that correct? Dr Reichelt: The bulk of our reductions do stem from the efficiency dividends, but Mr Barrett did explain some other discontinuing — CHAIR: So, you do have 25 redundancies, with the bulk over three years due to efficiency dividends. But in response to another question—question 150—you answered that nil redundancies related to past decisions on efficiency dividends. This is quite confusing. The answer to 118 says yes, efficiency dividends, and then the answer to question 150 was that redundancies related to past decisions on efficiency— Senator Cormann: To assist the committee, we might take that on notice in order to provide a precise answer and to reconsider this.

Answer:

In the answer to question 118, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority indicated that staffing was expected to be reduced by 25 over the next three years. The reasons given for reducing staff was the contribution of many factors including efficiency dividends, cessation of non-ongoing funding arrangements as well as general increase in corporate expenses.

At the time of providing an answer to question 150 there had been no voluntary redundancies actioned as a result of the increase in the efficiency dividend.