

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Waters asked:**

After the findings of the Independent Review of the Port of Gladstone, Minister Hunt stated that he would increase compliance staffing numbers.

- a) What are the current staffing levels?
- b) What were they on average each year over the last five years?
- c) How much will they increase by?
- d) When will this increase occur and at what APS levels?

**Answer:**

- a) The number of full time equivalent staff working in the approvals monitoring sections of the Compliance and Enforcement Branch has increased from 10 in August 2011 to 24 at 20 June 2014.
- b) The average number of full time equivalent staff working in the approvals monitoring sections of the Compliance and Enforcement Branch per financial year is:
  - 2008/09 – 17
  - 2009/10 – 12
  - 2010/11 – 13
  - 2011/12 – 18
  - 2012/13 – 23
  - 2013/14 – 24
- c) See answers to a) and b) above.
- d) The increase has already occurred and has been from the APS4 to EL2 levels.