

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

**Question No:** 12  
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**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)  
**Topic:** Total FTE staffing in the Department  
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**Senator Waters asked:**

Can you please provide an update on the total level of FTE staffing in the Department?

Can you please provide an update on current FTE staffing levels the Environmental Assessment and Compliance Division?

How many FTE staff are in the Compliance and Enforcement Branch?

How many FTE staff are in the approvals monitoring section?

**Answer:**

As at 30 April 2015, the total FTE in the:

- Department of the Environment was 2176.1
- Environment Assessment and Compliance Division was 171.0
- Compliance and Enforcement Branch was 48.7.

There is no separate 'Approvals Monitoring Section' in the Department's organisational structure. As at 30 April 2015, a total of 27 FTE employees worked on post-approval monitoring of *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and *Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981* decisions across three sections (Audit and Assurance, Outcomes Based Conditions Project and Post Approvals).