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Senator Urquhart asked:

Mr Archer: In the adaptation team in the Climate Change and Renewable Energy Division we have a staffing level of basically eight full-time equivalent staff. This is the team that does really only one portion of the work across the department that the secretary was referring to and in particular manages our engagement with NCCAF. We are not anticipating that level of staffing changing in the foreseeable future.

Senator URQUHART: Okay. That has been eight for how long?

Mr Archer: Certainly since the start of this financial year. It would have reduced from the previous financial year.

Senator URQUHART: Do you know by how many?

Mr Archer: I think I will have to take that one on notice.

Answer:

In the 2013-14 financial year, the number of staff working on core domestic and international adaptation policy across two teams was 13.6 full-time equivalent (FTE). The current Climate Adaptation Policy team has an allocation of eight officers; the FTE is 7.9.

A number of other areas in the Department are responsible for a range of activities which relate to climate change adaptation, as well as fulfilling broader environmental objectives.