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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Outcome: Outcome 2
Programme: Climate Change and Renewable Energy (CCARE)
Topic: Climate change – staffing
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Senator Urquhart asked:

The Average Staffing Level for Outcome 2 will reduce by 6 next financial year, from 187 to 181. Could you tell us where these reductions will come from, and how they fit into the general reductions across the Department?

Answer:

The forecast reduction of staffing under Outcome 2 of six ASL (a three per cent decrease) is not the result of any reduction in particular functions or particular teams. Rather it is a small net reduction of staff across the board, through not filling vacant positions over the 2015-16 year. This net reduction in staff under Outcome 2 is in line with the reduced appropriation provided to the Department as a whole in 2015-16 for programme support.