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Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Senator URQUHART: I am also interested in the current level of staffing in the environmental assessment and approvals area of the department. I think it was about 236 at 30 April 2014. Can you confirm if that is still the same number or have some of them been captured in the VRs?

**Answer:**

Environment Assessment and Compliance Division (plus Regulatory Reform Taskforce) average paid ASL in 2013–14 was 210. The current projection for EACD (plus RRT) for 2014–15 is 211 ASL.

This would result in a total Environment Assessment and Compliance Division staffing of up to 211.5—compared with 210 at June 2014.