

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Have your staff numbers remained stable? Increased or decreased?

Answer:

An answer to this question was provided during Supplementary Budget Estimates on 17 October 2016. Please refer to Proof Committee Hansard page 84 as follows:

Senator CHISHOLM: What about staff numbers—have they remained stable as well?

Mr Whitfort: Staffing numbers have remained stable as well. There have been in the order of between 30 and 35 staff.

Mr Whitfort: Senator, can I just correct the answer on staffing. I gave you a staff number for Darwin based staff—that was 30 to 35 staff. There are also staff based in Jabiru and staff based in Canberra. For the past few years staffing has been 40 to 45 for the whole of— [the Supervising Scientist Branch].