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Senator Waters, Larissa asked:

Senator WATERS: ... So with that diminishing funding, which I note that you have said is as a result of programs finishing, what will be the staffing impacts of that reduced amount?

Ms Jago: There will likely be implications if there were not future budget decisions made. But in terms of the specific figures, I do not have those numbers here today.

Dr Reichelt: There are none in the current year, then?

Ms Jago: No.

Senator WATERS: If you would not mind taking on notice what staffing losses that diminishing budget apportionment entails and providing them, that would be very helpful. But like always, we do hope for additional funding for your agency. Can I ask about Shen Neng and the settlement. I understand that I may also need to ask other folk this too—AGS and perhaps the department—so just answer as you can.

Dr Reichelt: Sure.

Answer:

1. From 2018-19, with the anticipated completion of a number of programs, the average staffing level for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority is expected to reduce to 171.
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