

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Treasury Portfolio**  
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3 June to 5 June 2014

**Department/ Agency:** National Competition Council

**Question:** BET 2763-2770

**Topic:** Staffing Reductions

**Reference:** Written - 12 June 2014

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question:**

2763. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

a) What was the reason for these reductions?

b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

2764. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.

a) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

2765. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

2766. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?

2767. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?

2768. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position.

2769. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?

2770. How is the department/agency funding the packages?

**Answer:**

2763. Four staff members were redeployed to the ACCC following the NCC's decision to disband its secretariat and purchase secretariat services from the ACCC. A further 3 officers whose positions were surplus following the change in the NCC's secretariat arrangements retired after accepting voluntary redundancies. No involuntary redundancies.

2764. Yes. One additional officer will retire (voluntary redundancy) later in 2014 after the NCC's new secretariat arrangements are 'bedded down'. No programs will be cut.

2765. No.

2766. 7. Classifications: SES Band 1 x 1 officer; Executive Level 2 x 4 officers; APS 6 x 2 officers.

2767. Nil.

2768. Standard voluntary redundancy arrangements offered for 3 officers: classifications APS 6, Executive Level 2 and SES Band 1.

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2769. No difference from default APS arrangement

2770. Redundancies funded from appropriation