

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: SBT 644

Topic: Staffing Reductions

Written: 25 November 2013

Senators LUDWIG and WONG asked:

644. a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?
- b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
- c) 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.
- d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
- e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

Answer:

644. a) Five voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date. The reason for these redundancies was because of technological or other changes in the work methods of the ABS.
- b) No.
- c) The ABS senior executive team will be working to finalise the set of measures to ensure required savings can be achieved.
- d) See response to 'c'.
- e) See response to 'c'.