

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: SBT 645

Topic: Staffing Reductions

Written: 25 November 2013

Senators LUDWIG and WONG asked:

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- 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:

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- a) Five staff reduction/voluntary redundancies occurred from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013. These reductions were the result of organisational structure realignment.
- b) An excess employee, unable to be reassigned at the end of their retention period, was terminated under section 29 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.
- c) While there have been no specific plans, or targets regarding staff reductions, the current budget funding is under review and no decision has been made on future staff numbers.
- d) Not applicable
- e) No