

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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**Question: SBT 652**

**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. Three – one resignation, one retirement and one voluntary redundancy.
- b. No.
- c & d. The Commission is seeking to reduce its staffing by approximately 25 full-time equivalents in order to continue to deliver its core functions within reduced budget levels in future years. This is to be achieved through natural attrition and voluntary redundancies. The reduction in budget levels is associated with withdrawal of funding for reviews and other research linked to the carbon pricing mechanism, as well as increases to the efficiency dividend and other across-the-board savings.
- e. No.