

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

**Outcome: Agency: TEQSA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000563**

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 18.

**TEQSA: staffing**

#### Question

Prof. Saunders: I touched on it in my opening answer to your question. We have had a reduction in the number of permanent Australian Public Service staff. We are down now to, I think, 48 and the budgeted number for next year, without the increase in funding that is coming to TEQSA, goes up to 51.

Senator O'NEILL: What was the original setting?

Prof. Saunders: I would have to take that on notice, but it would have been somewhere in the 60s.

Senator O'NEILL: It was 100.

Prof. Saunders: That was 100 total staff; that would not have all been APS staff. At the moment even though we only have 46 or so APS staff, our total staffing is up around 70 if you add in the commissioners and the CEO and the like.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you check that on notice if you can. Thanks.

#### Answer

*The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response.*

Since TEQSA establishment the actual and budget Average Staffing Levels (ASL) are as follows:

Financial Year	Actual ASL	Budgeted ASL
2011–12	71	48
2012–13	100	90
2013–14	89	99
2014–15	65	74
2015–16	55	60
2016–17	43*	48

\* ASL as at 31 May 2017

TEQSA's staffing profile since establishment, as at 30 June of each financial year:

Financial Year	SES 1	EL 2	EL 1	APS 6	APS 5	APS 4	TOTAL
2011–12	4	20	17	16	7	3	67
2012–13	4	23	24	30	9	5	95
2013–14	2	20	23	25	8	7	85
2014–15	0	12	22	20	2	2	58
2015–16	0	8	19	19	4	3	53