

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Agency – Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM1455_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing

Question

WGEA – Staffing reductions

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred?
2. What was the reason for these reductions?
3. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
4. 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.
5. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
6. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
7. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff?
8. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?
9. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position
10. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?
11. How is the department/agency funding the packages?

Answer

1. 3 staff have been redeployed. No voluntary redundancies have occurred.
2. Business process re-engineering.
3. No.
4. No.
5. N/A.
6. No.
7. Three. APS5 and APS4.
8. Nil.
9. N/A.
10. N/A.
11. N/A.