

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Staffing levels**

Question: **165**

Written: **Senator Seselja**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 April 2014

1. What are your current and forward plans for staff reductions, including redundancies?
2. How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to efficiency dividends applied over the last three years?
3. How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to decisions made in the 2013 Budget, or earlier, to cease or terminate programs?
4. If redundancies have been offered, when was the decision made to offer these redundancies?

Answer

1. Current and forward plans for staff reductions/redundancies will be dependent on capability matching, realignment of priorities in response to the Inquiry and budget pressure. No final number has been determined.
2. Nil.
3. Not applicable.
4. Redundancies over the last 3 years were offered over time after consideration of organisational, operational, efficiency and budgetary factors. The decision with regard to the most recent offers was made in early April 2014.