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Question:

1. What is the current staffing profile of the ANAO?
2. How many graduate positions were available in 2015?
3. How many graduates have the ANAO accepted over the past five years?
4. What other measures have the ANAO considered to reduce costs?
5. Will the ANAO still be able to deliver on its forward work program it published in July?

Answer:

1. ANAO's current staffing profile, as at 28 February 2015, is shown in the table below.

| Classification | Staff count |
|-------------------|-------------|
| APS 1 (undergrad) | 1 |
| APS 2 | 2 |
| Graduate | 11 |
| APS 3 | 28 |
| APS 4 | 39 |
| APS 5 | 43 |
| APS 6 | 66 |
| EXEC 1 | 56 |
| EXEC 2 | 71 |
| SES 1 | 21 |
| SES 2 | 5 |
| SES 3 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 344 |

(Please note: these figures do not include 17 employees on long term leave or temporary transfer)

2. The number of graduate positions available for the ANAO in 2015 was 13.

3. The list below sets out the number of graduates the ANAO has accepted in the past five years:
 - a. 2015 – 13
 - b. 2014 - 16
 - c. 2013 - 26
 - d. 2012 - 23
 - e. 2011 – 18
4. The ANAO has put in place a number of savings strategies to operate within agreed resourcing over the budget and forward estimates. These include:
 - a. The use of technology to enhance the productivity and mobility of the ANAO workforce.
 - b. Reduction in supplier expenses such as IT support, recruitment, paper consumption and the introduction of other energy efficient measures such as lighting.
5. Yes, the ANAO expects to deliver on its target of 49 performance audits and three Better Practice Guides, consistent with its forward work program published in July. To the end of March 2015, 25 Performance Audit Reports had been tabled in the Parliament and two Better Practice Guides had been published.