

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Question reference number:** F126

**Senator:** Wong

**Topic:** Jobs Reduction

**Question:**

1. What directions has the department/agency been given to contribute to the Government's policy to reduce the size of the public service?
2. Has the department/agency been directed to reduce the number of public servants by:
  - a) FTE staff number; or
  - b) Percentage of budget; or
  - c) Dollar value?
3. How will the reductions be achieved (for example recruitment freeze, increased efficiency dividends, voluntary or compulsory redundancies)?
4. What information has been provided to department/agency staff about these plans?

**Answer:**

<b>Department / Agency</b>	<b>Response</b>
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Department of Finance is complying with the APSC's Interim Arrangements for APS recruitment.</li><li>2. No.</li><li>3. N/A.</li><li>4. N/A.</li></ol>
AEC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The AEC has been directed to and is complying with the Interim Arrangements for APS Recruitment.</li><li>2. No.</li><li>3. N/A.</li><li>4. N/A.</li></ol>
ComSuper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. ComSuper (along with other APS agencies) has received broad advice from the Australian Public Service Commissioner regarding interim recruitment arrangements in relation to a planned reduction in the size of the public service.</li><li>2. ComSuper has not been directed to reduce the number of public servants employed by ComSuper.</li><li>3. N/A.</li><li>4. N/A.</li></ol>

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	1. Nil. 2. N/A. 3. N/A. 4. N/A.
Future Fund Management Agency	1. The APSC's interim arrangements for APS recruitment. 2. a) to c) No. 3. N/a 4. See 1.