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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Staffing reductions

Senator: Ludwig

Question reference number: 179

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 17 January 2014

Number of pages: 1

Question:

1) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?

- a) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
- b) 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.
- c) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
- d) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

Answer:

- Q1. There have been no staff reductions/voluntary redundancies within the ANAO between 7 September and 30 November 2013.
 - (a) Not applicable given the answer to Q1. above.
 - (b) The ANAO has no plans for staff reductions/voluntary redundancies. The ANAO will continue to manage its staffing within available funding and if staff reductions are required, it is the ANAO's intention to achieve this through natural attrition.
 - (c) Not applicable, refer Q1. (b) response.
 - (d) There are no plans for involuntary redundancies.