

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16**

Finance Portfolio  
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**Topic:** Job losses at ASC for the last 12 months

**Senator:** McEwen

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**Question:**

**Senator McEWEN:** So there have been 300 jobs lost from May until October. Is that what you are saying?

**Mr Lamarre:** That is correct, and we should stay steady until the end of the year.

**Senator McEWEN:** You are not expecting any more until the end of 2016 at this stage.

**Mr Lamarre:** Correct.

**Senator McEWEN:** What is the total for the last 12 months?

**Mr Lamarre:** I will have to take that on notice. I am not certain.

**Answer:**

Over the period 1 November 2014 to 31 October 2015, ASC has reduced its workforce by a total of 820 positions, comprising:

- ASC Employees: 54
- Contractors: 548
- Subcontractors: 218

These reductions incorporate ASC's shipbuilding and submarine sustainment activities. These reductions are largely the result of ASC adjusting its workforce profile to meet the operational demands of its current projects and are, in part, due to continuous improvement, changing the sequencing of work and subsequent productivity gains.

The announcement in August 2015 that the future frigate construction programme will commence in South Australia in 2020 will, once implemented, increase the level of shipbuilding related employment.