

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Corporate

Question No. 164

Senator asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 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?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- 1) The Department will offer a small number of voluntary redundancies (VRs) before the end of the financial year.
- 2) This measure is being taken to ensure that Department can operate within the funding provided for 2014-15.
- 3) As above.
- 4) The decision for the current round of redundancies was in February 2014.