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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: How many full-time equivalent staff work in compliance and enforcement across the full spectrum of the department?

Ms Carlos: I would have to take that on notice. We do not classify staffing in to those functional areas. We would have to do a bit of a review of our divisional structures and which sections make that up, because the compliance and enforcement function is quite widespread across the department.

Senator WATERS: Would it be possible at present to just do the EPBC compliance and enforcement section?

Ms Carlos: I can certainly give you FTE for the EPBC division. The paid FTE at the end of January was 212. That is all activities in that division.

Dr de Brouwer: It is not just the compliance. We might come back, if we can, during the day with the size of that branch.

Answer:

The Department has 82 full time equivalent staff working on compliance and enforcement related activities.

The Compliance and Enforcement Branch of the Environment Assessment and Compliance Division has 47 full time equivalent staff working on compliance and enforcement related activities.