

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: aet 138

Topic: Staffing – Efficiency Dividend/ Budget Cuts (ASIC)

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Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?
2. If so, where and at what level?
3. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
4. What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.

Answer:

1. To date staffing numbers have not been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or budget reductions.
2. Not applicable.
3. There is a planned net reduction of 19 positions in Shared Services by 30 June 2010. This is as a result of an efficiency review and the application, or greater use, of technology to improve processes. Beyond this and more specifically for 2010-11, the budget position is still being developed as part of the Government's budget process, and hence, staffing levels and staffing plans for 2010-11 are yet to be considered.
4. ASIC recruits 24-25 graduates for its national graduate program per annum. In the recent intake in January 2010 ASIC recruited 24 graduates and our next intake is planned for January 2011 where we would again expect to recruit 24–25 graduates.