

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 24

Topic: Staffing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bushby asked:

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.

Answer:

Based on appropriation figures published in Portfolio Budget Statements, the ATO (including the Australian Valuation Office and Tax Practitioners Board) currently expects that full time equivalent (FTE) staffing levels will reduce by approximately 1,284 FTE over the next three years.

To achieve the required staffing reductions, the ATO will rely on natural attrition, controlled recruitment and the flexibility provided through its temporary workforce.