

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0536\_12

**Senator Back provided in writing.**

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No [EW0037\\_12](#)

**Question**

**Staffing**

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. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

**Answer**

In 2011-2012 the department is required to meet a staff reduction of approximately 200, for a variety of reasons relating to budgetary constraints and the changing focus of our business.

The department is managing this reduction through natural attrition and a strengthened focus on internal mobility. That is, employees who work in areas that are downsizing are being matched to positions in areas that are growing.