

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Deregulation

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome General, Program General

Topic: Staffing

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Senator Barnett asked:

- a) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?
- b) If so, where and at what level?
- c) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction targets, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
- d) 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:

- a) No.
- b) N/A.
- c) No.
- d) No reductions are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs. However, the Department is planning to strengthen its focus on increasing Indigenous employee numbers.