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Question:

Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.

If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why Answer for any known agreed and announced reductions.

Answer:

The Commission is planning a small staff reduction exercise over the coming months. This is in response to lapsing program funding for targeted APS reform measures, and a decrease in demand more generally for the Commission's cost recovery activities.

It is expected that the small reduction will be achieved through a voluntary retrenchment exercise.