

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (ADDITIONAL HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Staffing Reductions

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?
- (2) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details?
- (3) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? 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?
- (4) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
- (5) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
- (6) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?
- (7) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?

Answer:

- (1) Since November 2013, the Office has had no staff reductions or voluntary redundancies.

- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The Office has no current plans for staff reductions.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The Office has no current plans for involuntary redundancies.
- (6) The Office has had three (3) ongoing staff leave between Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014: 1 x APS 3, 1 x APS 4 and 1 x EL 1.
- (7) The Office has had six (6) non-ongoing staff leave between Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014: 1 x APS 4, 1 x APS 5, 2 x EL 1 and 2 x EL 2 (both non-ongoing casuals).