

**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

**Senator:** Senator Wong

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**Question:**

- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 7 March 2014?
- (2) How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing?
- (3) How many redundancies have occurred since 18 November 2013? How many were (a) voluntary and (b) involuntary?

**Answer:**

- (1) As at 28 February 2014, the Office engaged 145 full-time equivalent staff (this includes employees on temporary transfer/secondment to other agencies and on long term leave - paid and unpaid).
- (2) Of these positions:
  - (a) 133.5 of these positions were on-going; and
  - (b) 11.5 of these positions were non-ongoing
- (3) From 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014, the Office had nil redundancies.