

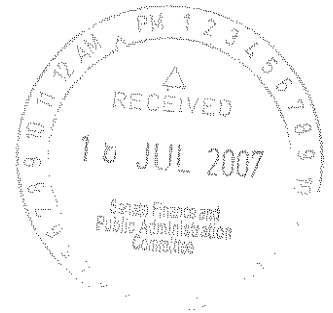
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearings 2007-2008, 21-22 May 2007



Question: PM 96

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Economic and Industry Policy resourcing

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Senator Evans asked:

1. The PBS (page 24) notes that resourcing for Output Group 1 is projected to decrease from \$21.523 million to \$15.244 million between 2006-07 and 2007-08. What is the explanation for this decrease?
2. Please provide a full breakdown of how this decrease will be achieved.
3. What is the projected impact on average staffing level in Output Group 1 of this reduction in resourcing?

Answer:

1. The decrease in resourcing from 2006-07 to 2007-08 is due to one-off funding in 2006-07 in relation to the Uranium Mining Processing and Nuclear Energy Review Taskforce (UMPNER) (\$3.909m) and the Task Group on Emissions Trading (TGET) (\$2.212m). Both activities will wind-up before 30 June 2007.
2. See response to question 1.
3. The reduction in resourcing will have no impact on the average staffing levels in Output Group 1 as the staff for UMPNER and TGET secretariats were largely seconded from other organisations. As such, the other organisations paid for the staff, subsequently seeking reimbursement from the department, and recognised the staff in their average staffing levels.