

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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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:

In 2010-11, the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government (DRARDLG) engaged four graduates. DRARDLG recruits its graduates through the Department of Infrastructure and Transport's graduate recruitment round under the terms of a shared services agreement between the two agencies.

The Department is currently considering expanding the targets for its graduate recruitment and cadetship programs for 2011-12. There are no plans to reduce graduate numbers in the current financial year.