Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman **Outcome/Program:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman **Topic:** Staffing - reduction

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Question:

- 1. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
- 2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening

Answer:

1&2. The Office plans to reduce staff numbers to approximately 130 ASL by July 2013 consistent with the Portfolio Budget Statements. This will be achieved through natural attrition.