

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** Senator Fifield

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**Question:**

Senator FIFIELD: Have there been any other reductions in staff numbers in the social inclusion unit?

Ms Cross: I believe there have. I think we gave you a full-time-equivalent number in the question on notice, and I believe that might have gone down by about one ASL, but we will check that for you.

**Answer:**

In the Questions on Notice taken from the Supplementary Budget Estimates from 15-18 October 2012, we reported that the Social Inclusion Unit had 11 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff.

As of Pay 26 (20 June 2013) the Social Inclusion Unit has 10.60 FTE.