

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?

Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.

If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

**Answer:**

8 voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to 31 May 2013.

The Department underwent a restructure to meet a range of budget pressures.

No

Yes

A small number of voluntary redundancies have been offered to employees on the basis of mutual benefit in order to ensure PM&C meets its operational requirements within the forward budget. No services/programs will be cut due to these planned reductions.