

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Staffing plans**

Question: **180**

Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 November 2012

- a. Are there any plans for staff reduction? 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.
- b. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

Answer

- a) The DPS 2012–13 Portfolio Budget Statements note an estimated reduction of 18 FTE positions in 2012–13. Specific planning has not yet been undertaken.
- b) The impact of the additional efficiency dividend of 2.5%, the annual efficiency dividend of 1.5%, and the additional \$380K MYEFO reduction, requires DPS to find \$4.6 million of savings for 2011–12, in addition to the annual pay rises from the DPS Enterprise Agreement.