

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Sub Program All

Question No. 114

Senator Eggleston asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

Regarding: Average Staffing Level (ASL) since November 2007

- a. What changes have occurred?
- b. Why have these changes occurred?
- c. What have been the budgetary implications of any changes?
- d. If any reductions have occurred:
 1. how have they been absorbed by the Department?
 2. what functions were sacrificed, and why?
- e. Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this?
- f. Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how many staff have been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a. ASL has increased by 142.1 since November 2007. As at November 2007, ASL was 1379.5, compared with 1521.7 in February 2010.
- b. AGD gained the Territories function from the Department formerly known as DOTARS in January 2008 under an administrative order.
- c. Nil. The Department operates within budget and deploys employees between programs in response to Government priorities as they exist from time to time.
- d. Not applicable.
- e. No target has been set for staff reductions to achieve savings.
- f. A total of 13 Voluntary Redundancies have been offered to staff since November 2007. There are no plans for any voluntary or involuntary redundancies in the future.