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

People, Information and Technology Division

Question No. 4

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:

What programs have been terminated that have resulted in a reduction in staff numbers over the past 12 months?

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

The Department operates within budget and deploys employees between programs in response to government priorities as they exist from time to time. Accordingly, there is no direct linkage between the termination of particular programs and the reduction in Departmental staff numbers over the past 12 months.