

**Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2010

**Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

**Question:** SRM 07 – Revised as at March 2011

**Division/Agency:** Sustainable Resource Management Division

**Topic:** Fisheries staff and budget numbers

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**Senator Colbeck asked:**

1. How many staff currently work in the Fisheries Policy Unit?
2. How has this changed since 2007?
3. What is the budget for this unit? How has this changed?
4. Since the last Estimates, Mr Pittar has left. Has he taken up a position elsewhere in DAFF, Government or somewhere else?
5. How many Fisheries staff have resigned during this calendar year?

**Answer:**

1. There are currently (October 2010) 39 staff working in the Fisheries Branch.
2. In 2007–08 there were 46 FTEs (49 staff members) from a possible 54.39 FTEs in the revised budget in the fisheries branch.
3. The current approved budget for the Fisheries Branch is \$5 159 563 for 2010-11. This includes a budget for the branch's operations, including travel and meetings.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>FTEs in the Revised Budget</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
2007–08	54.39	\$9 249 548
2008–09	49	\$6 268 551
2009–10	37	\$4 888 418
2010–11	34.07	\$5 159 563 (approved budget)*

\* The revised budget has not have been formulated at this time.

4. Mr Pittar has taken up a branch head position in the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure and Transport.
5. 2 FTE Fisheries staff have resigned in this calendar year.