

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Staffing

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Senator McKenzie asked:

Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.

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

Answer:

There are no plans for reducing staffing numbers at this time.

The Department has yet to finalise its budget for the 2012-13 financial year. It is envisaged that any potential reduction in staffing numbers, including contractors and consultants, will be managed through natural attrition, reduction in non-ongoing employees and moving staff from low to high priority work.