

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 72

Topic: Staffing Reductions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? 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.

- a) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
- b) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

Answer:

The Department's workforce will continue to change. This change will be achieved through a combination of:

- natural attrition;
- reduction in non-ongoing contracts;
- external recruitment only in exceptional circumstances; and
- voluntary redundancies.

No services or programs will be cut as a result of staff reductions.

DSS is not planning any involuntary redundancies.