

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-481

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: STAFF REDUCTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How many staff will go to the various authorities?

Answer:

As stated in the 2011-12 Health and Ageing Portfolio Budget Statement, investment and improvements in Departmental operational efficiency as a result of the Strategic Review will generate net savings of \$53.5 million over four years. These savings, combined with broader whole-of-government efficiency measures, will lead to net reductions in the number of core staff in the Department from some 4,060 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) in 2010-11 to an estimated 3,640 in 2012-13 – a reduction of an estimated 420 FTE.

Of the estimated 420 FTE reduction, 6 FTE positions are attributable to a transfer of funding from the Department to the Portfolio Agencies of Cancer Australia and the National Health and Medical Research Council. Other than these transfers, there will not be any other staffing impacts for Portfolio Agencies resulting from the Strategic Review.

No staff have yet been allocated to the IHPA, NHPA or NHFB. The final organisational structure and staffing of these organisations will be determined by their respective Chief Executive Officers, within the resources available to them.