

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-181

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: REDUCTIONS IN STAFF

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

PBS, page 50 states that “net reductions in the number of staff in the core department from 4,060 in 2011-11 to an estimated 3,900 in 2011-12 and an estimates 3,640 in 2012-13.”

Please advise:

- a) Are the staffing number for the core department full time equivalents or is the absolute number of staff?
- b) If they are not full time equivalent, what is the FTE projection over the forward estimates?

Answer:

- a) Full Time Equivalent. The Secretary provided a response at the Budget Estimates Hearing of 30 May 2011. Please refer to Hansard page CA 21 (attached).
- b) N/A