

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 1 JUNE 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** Staffing

**Question reference number:** HS 40 (SQ17-000121)

**Senator:** Siewert

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

DHS average staffing levels have fallen in 2016-17 by 1188. How many of these jobs were lost from Centrelink?

**Answer:**

Staffing levels are adjusted in line with demand and government priorities.

The Department's master programmes (Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support) ceased to be captured as separate entities upon integration into the Department on 1 July 2011.

The Department does not separately attribute staff numbers to master programmes.