

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency**

**Question No: 419**

**Program No. Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency (TUSMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Staffing reductions**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?
2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
3. 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.
4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
6. How many ongoing staff left the Department/Agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?
7. How many non-ongoing staff left Department/Agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?

**Answer:**

- 1-5. TUSMA is a very small agency and there are no plans to reduce staffing levels.
6. One ongoing employee at the APS3 classification resigned from the Agency on Monday 24 March 2014.
7. Two non-ongoing EL2 employee's contracts ceased on 1 November 2013 and one APS4 non-ongoing employee's contract ceased on 14 March 2014.