

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Topic:** UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE - STAFFING  
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**Senator Singh asked:**

How many staff are specifically working on the Department's preparations for the UNCCC meetings in Paris next year?

**Answer:**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) leads Australia's engagement with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including preparations for the 2015 Conference of the Parties in Paris. The Department of the Environment supports DFAT with this engagement, particularly in relation to greenhouse gas inventory and land sector issues. Four full-time staff are directly supporting this work. A range of other staff working on climate change mitigation and adaptation policies and programs and national greenhouse gas inventory reporting also contribute advice and analysis as required on UNFCCC matters that intersect with their work.