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Communications Portfolio
National Film and Sound Archive

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National Film and Sound Archive
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Topic: Further Questions: BE15/071

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Follow up on Questions on Notice from Budget Estimates

1. 1. What financial savings resulted from the reduction of 38 staff between September 2013 and June 2015?
2. 3a. When will the Acton Exhibition Gallery reopen to the public?
3. 3b. Why was the Screening Loans section singled out for business model redevelopment? Was weren't the Big Screen, School Screen, the NFSA Library, The NFSA Shop, the Arc Cinema program and the Scholars and Artists in Residence program allowed the same redevelopment opportunity?
4. 5. A separate set of questions will be put forward in regarding the NFSA Business Review as Attachment A.

Answer:

1. 1. The target savings of at least \$3 million have been achieved. It is however difficult to quantify the savings resulting from the reduction of 38 staff over this 20 month period. This reduction in staffing is a net figure. During this period staff were recruited on both an ongoing and non-ongoing basis, and attrition can be attributed to a number of factors including retirement, permanent or temporary transfer within the APS, and as a result of voluntary redundancies. Target savings were overall achieved through a balanced range of measures including ASL reduction, and reduction in supplier and capital expenditure.
2. 3a. The Acton South Gallery is open to the public for special events.
3. 3b. The Business Review and subsequent stakeholder consultation considered different options and led to the decision to only redevelop the Screening Loans section.
4. 5. Please refer to QoN 73.