

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Department/Agency: ATO**

**Question: AET 61**

**Topic: ATO resource allocation**

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**Senator: Ketter**

**Question:**

**Senator KETTER:** Let us take an average sized company, if there is such a thing, if you have a metric like that—at the medium risk profile. Not so much in terms of the length of time, but do you have a number of staff that you would allocate to that particular company or a certain number of man hours associated with it?

**Mr Reardon:** We would have. I cannot give you the figures right now, but we are happy to take that on notice and look at our program and provide our staffing in those sorts of quadrants.

**Senator KETTER:** Yes. I noticed there was a recent jump between 2013-14 in the total rated companies, 905 up to 33,000.

**Answer:**

61. Companies that are assessed as medium risk in the Public Groups and International area of the ATO are not allocated staff as a matter of course. All companies are assessed through ATO risk filters and where necessary further risk assessments are conducted by compliance teams. Where further audit or other compliance activity is warranted, these cases are referred to compliance teams for action.

In 2013-14, for companies assessed as medium risk, Public Groups and International completed 32 audits and 134 reviews. On average for these companies 2 full time equivalent (FTE) staff were required to complete an audit, while on average 0.5 FTE were required to complete a review. In total, around 131 FTE were required to manage the Public Groups and International population of approximately 300 medium risk taxpayers in 2013-14.