

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ABS

Question: AET 487-488

Topic: Staffing profile

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

487. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency?

488. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)

Answer:

487. The ABS headcount (excluding ABS Interviewers, who are not employed under the *Public Service Act*, and inoperative employees) as at 31 August 2015(a) was 2731:

- 2369 (86.7%) ongoing and 362 (13.3%) non-ongoing employees;
- 1400 (51.3%) females and 1331 (48.7%) males;
- 2139 (78.3%) full-time and 592 (21.7%) part-time employees;
- 2124 (77.8%) at the APS1-6 levels, 573 (21.0%) at the EL1-2 levels and 34 (1.2%) at the SES1-3 levels;

In comparison, the ABS headcount (excluding ABS Interviewers and inoperative employees) as at 31 January 2016(a) was 3094:

- 2494 (80.6%) ongoing and 600 (19.4%) non-ongoing employees;
- 1602 (51.8%) females and 1492 (48.2%) males;
- 2375 (76.8%) full-time and 719 (23.2%) part-time employees;
- 2377 (76.8%) at the APS1-6 levels, 673 (21.8%) at the EL1-2 levels and 44 (1.4%) at the SES1-3 levels.

(a) These time periods are those for which the ABS was easily able to obtain the data rather than the exact dates specified in the question.

488. Staffing headcount (excluding ABS Interviewers and inoperative employees) by nominal classification level as at 31 August 2015 compared with 31 January 2016:

	at 31 Aug 2015	at 31 Jan 2016
APS1	28	29
APS2	105	119
APS3	200	233
APS4	604	535
APS5	497	635
APS6	690	826
EL1	422	511
EL2	151	162
SESB1	26	31
SESB2	5	10
SESB3	3	3
Total	2731	3094

The staffing headcount (excluding ABS Interviewers and inoperative employees) by Division and nominal classification as at 31 August 2015 is shown below.

	APS1	APS2	APS3	APS4	APS5	APS6	EL1	EL2	SESB1	SESB2	SESB3	Grand Total
Census and Statistical Network Services Division	25	87	38	106	104	107	52	16	1			536
Chief Financial Officer Branch			1	9	10	15	9	2				46
Governance, People and Culture Division	1		24	58	61	74	37	19	4			278
Industry Statistics Division		12	32	125	86	69	46	14	4			388
Macroeconomic Statistics Division	2	1	44	93	65	64	48	17	4	1		339
Methodology Division			6	25	17	35	32	9	1	1		126
No Division											2	2
Population and Social Statistics Division		2	21	64	87	70	50	19	3	1		317
Statistical Business Transformation Program			4	9	15	25	33	11	4		1	102
Strategic Partnerships and Projects Division			8	23	37	48	31	13	3	1		164
Technology Services Division		3	22	92	15	183	84	31	2	1		433
Grand Total	28	105	200	604	497	690	422	151	26	5	3	2731

By comparison, the staffing headcount (excluding ABS Interviewers and inoperative employees) by Division and nominal classification as at 31 January 2016 was:

	APS1	APS2	APS3	APS4	APS5	APS6	EL1	EL2	SESB1	SESB2	SESB3	Grand Total
Census and Statistical Network Services Division	27	83	67	130	177	157	71	16	2			730
Chief Financial Officer Branch			1	4	9	19	13	4		1		51
Governance, People and Culture Division			21	54	60	79	46	18	4	1		283
Industry Statistics Division		1	54	116	114	75	57	12	3	1		433
Macroeconomic Statistics Division	1		43	63	80	74	49	18	4	1		333
Methodology Division			5	10	28	41	34	12	2	1		133

No Division										1	3	4
Population and Social Statistics Division	19	22	60	90	85	54	16	5	1			352
Statistical Business Transformation Program			9	17	37	42	16	4	1			126
Strategic Partnerships and Projects Division		6	18	24	52	52	17	5	1			175
Technology Services Division	1	16	14	71	36	207	93	33	2	1		474
Grand Total	29	119	233	535	635	826	511	162	31	10	3	3094

The staffing headcount (excluding ABS Interviewers and inoperative employees) by home base location as at 31 August 2015 compared with 31 January 2016 is shown below. The ABS operates on a national business model and all business lines (Divisions) have staff located in more than one State and/or Territory:

	at 31 Aug 2015	at 31 Jan 2016
Canberra, ACT	1297	1428
Melbourne, VIC	329	405
Sydney, NSW	318	353
Brisbane, QLD	207	237
Adelaide, SA	204	236
Perth, WA	204	238
Hobart, TAS	128	140
Darwin, NT	44	57
Total	2731	3094