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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Division/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question No: 189

Topic: Gosford Office

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Question:

1. What tax functions will the Gosford office perform?
2. How many positions does ATO estimate will be filled locally? How many from transfers?
3. Will these be permanent ATO jobs?
4. What classification levels will the jobs be at?
5. Is ATO planning to use labour hire or any other external contracting arrangements to fill these jobs?
6. Are the jobs in Gosford additional to the ATO or are they being offset by job cuts elsewhere?
7. What is the timeframe for staffing the office?
8. What is the cost of establishing the office? Is that coming from existing budgets or was additional money made available?

Answer:

1. The ATO workforce will represent a cross-section of functions, bringing together elements from all major business and corporate areas. The new site will also have a face-to-face customer service centre.
2. The final workforce profile is currently being finalised.
3. The final workforce profile is currently being finalised, however it is expected that the majority of positions within the Gosford office will be permanent.
4. Roles in Gosford are expected to span all levels from APS 1 to Executive Level 1 and 2. The site will also have a small number of Senior Executive Service roles.
5. While the majority of the Gosford workforce will be comprised of permanent employees, the ATO will also seek to offer employment opportunities under temporary and casual arrangements (which may include labour hire) to meet workload requirements and fluctuations.
6. We do not expect job cuts.
7. Staff occupancy plans are currently under development, but will likely be staggered commencing from December 2017.
8. The cost to establish the office is \$20.8 million (excl. GST). Funding for the fit-out has come from both the specific agency appropriation (\$12.5 million as outlined in the Government's 2014-15 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook) and from ATO's existing departmental budget (\$8.3 million).