

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000427

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ACARA: Staffing reductions

Question

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

1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred?
(a) What was the reason for these reductions?
2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.
4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff?
7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?
8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position
9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?
10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority has provided the following response for the period from 14 September 2015 to 25 February 2016.

1-5. Nil. There were no reductions/voluntary redundancies during the period.

6-7.

Staff departures	Classification
Ongoing staff - 4	Professional Level 3 x1 Professional Level 2 x2 Associate Level 4 x1
Non-ongoing staff - 2	Executive x1 Professional Level 3 x1

8-10. Not applicable.