

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0103\_14  
Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question  
Staffing Reductions**

a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. c) 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. d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

**Answer**

From 7 September 2013 to 17 September 2013, no people separated from the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations as a voluntary redundancy and there were no involuntary redundancies.

The Department of Education was established on 18 September 2013, since that date four people have separated from the Department of Education (the department) as a voluntary redundancy with total gross severance payments amounting to \$370 383.56. There were no involuntary redundancies.

At this stage the department has no plans for a department-wide programme of voluntary or involuntary redundancies.