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Question:

In the 2014-15 budget papers the ANAO identifies an average staffing level of 349. However this year's budget has an actual figure of 338 for the same period increasing to 345 for 2015/16.

1. Are these figures FTE or staffing numbers?
2. What is the reason for this anticipated fluctuation?
3. What are the ANAO's pressure points with respect to its current staffing profile.

Answer:

1. Yes, the figures of actual staffing for 2014-15 of 338 and estimated staffing for 2015-16 of 345 are full time equivalents (FTE).
2. The ANAO made use of contractor arrangements to supplement the ANAO workforce created by the staffing vacancies in 2014-15. The 2015-16 average staffing level is more reflective of the internal resourcing required to deliver the assurance and performance audit programs and is consistent with staffing levels presented in original 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statements.
3. The ANAO's key pressure point with regard to its current staffing profile is its ability to fill audit roles. In the 2015-16 budget papers it is assumed that, post 1 July, more recruitment will be undertaken, from within the APS and external to it.