

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Staffing - Efficiency Dividend/Budget cuts

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Senator Boyce asked:

Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.

Answer:

The Department is planning for a moderate reduction in staff numbers in the 2011-12 financial year. This will be achieved through a range of means including natural attrition, reviewing non-ongoing and contract arrangements and redeployment of employees to priority areas. Voluntary redundancies will only be offered after other options have been exhausted.

The reduction is expected to be in the order of 200 staff.