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Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority

Hansard Ref: In writing

Topic: Staffing reductions

Senator Ludwig asked:

- 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:

- a) Between 7 September and 31 October 2013 inclusive, the ACMA had eight employees leave the agency. Of those eight, three were non-ongoing employees. Of the five ongoing employees who left the ACMA, three resigned, one moved to another agency and one was due to a voluntary redundancy.
- b) Between 7 September and 31 October 2013 inclusive, no employees were terminated due to an involuntary redundancy.
- c) The ACMA's staff numbers will be decreasing as a result of the wind-down of the NPP funded digital program. The ACMA is currently reviewing how this will be achieved.
- d) See c above.
- e) There are no plans at this stage for involuntary redundancies.