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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

TOPIC: Staff Movement

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QUESTION No.: AI-54

Senator EGGLESTON—Last year there was a report from the joint committee inquiry into the impact of the two per cent efficiency dividend on government agencies. It commented that the CSIRO found it difficult to engage and retain scientists. Since last year's application of the efficiency dividend, what are the figures from the CSIRO on how many staff were laid off and also how many have been employed?

Dr Clark—We have those figures.

Senator EGGLESTON—Could that be broken down to full-time and part-time positions?

Mr Whelan—The net movement of staff since the end of the last financial year has been a reduction of five staff.

Senator EGGLESTON—A net loss of five.

Mr Whelan—Yes, in full-time equivalent terms.

Senator EGGLESTON—When you say that is a net loss, how many actually left and how many did you put on?

Mr Whelan—I do not have that level of detail with me. I would be happy to take that on notice.

ANSWER

CSIRO has provided the following response:

CSIRO Officers by Research Scientist and Other Staff as Headcount and Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

FTE			
Year	Research Scientist	Other Staff¹	Total
30 June 2008	1679	4090	5769
Current (26 Feb 2009)	1731	4100	5831

1. Other includes staff not classified as "Research Scientist"

Headcount			
Year	Research Scientist	Other Staff¹	Total
30 June 2008	1727	4696	6423
Current (26 Feb 2009)	1792	4678	6470

1. Other includes staff not classified as "Research Scientist"

Commencements and cessations of Research Scientists - 1 July 2008 to 26 February 2009

	Full Time	Part Time ¹	Total
Commencements	131	19	150
Cessations	110	12	122

¹Part Time numbers include casuals

NOTE: Numbers regarding commencement and cessation of staff may not translate to comparisons with total staff numbers due to differences in types of reporting (i.e., point in time numbers for total staff numbers versus cumulative numbers across a time period).