

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates – 25–26 February 2009

Question: aet 78

Topic: Employment Within the ABS

Hansard Page: E7 (26 February 2009)

Senator ABETZ asked:

Senator ABETZ—Are you able to tell us how many full-time equivalents you had in the ABS before the last budget and how many full-time equivalents you have now? In other words, how many jobs have been shed from the ABS since the government came in?

Ms Murphy—As of September 2008, I have a head count number of 2,943.

Senator ABETZ—When you say head count, is that FTEs?

Ms Murphy—I would have to—

Senator ABETZ—Most of them would be full time?

Ms Murphy—No, we actually have a high level of part-timers.

Senator ABETZ—You do? All right.

Ms Murphy—So I would have to come back with the full-time figure for the equivalent period.

Senator ABETZ—I would hate to make a statistical error. If you could assist me in that, that would be very helpful.

Answer:

The ABS headcount and Full Time Equivalents for the past six quarters, covering the period in Senator Abetz' question, are set out below. These figures include changes that arise from natural cycles in the ABS' work program.

Quarter	Head Count	Total FTE
Sep-07	3241	2699
Dec-07	3216	2728
Mar-08	3135	2659
Jun-08	3024	2680
Sep-08	2943	2577
Dec-08	2938	2539