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TOPIC: Staffing

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QUESTION No.: AI-76

How many permanent staff have been recruited since the supplementary budget estimates?

What level are these staff?

How many temporary positions exist or have been created since budget estimates?

Since supplementary budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? If so, where and at what level?

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

What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.

ANSWER

The Office of the Chief Scientist recruited a total of two full time staff since November 2009 and the classification levels are;

Classification	Total
APS 3	1
APS 4	1
Total	2

Staffing levels within the Office of the Chief Scientist are currently below budgeted levels therefore, no additional staff members have been recruited.

The Office of the Chief Scientist has not created any temporary positions.

Since supplementary budget estimates a total of one employee has been employed on a non-ongoing contract. The average length of non-ongoing employment period is seven weeks.

No staff reductions occurred as a result of the efficiency dividend. However, an internal restructure has seen the creation of a financial position at the expense of a technical position.

There are no plans for staff reduction.

There are no plans to change or reduce graduate recruitment or cadetship programs in operations in the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.