

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: aet 131

Topic: Staffing – Efficiency Dividend/ Budget Cuts (ACCC)

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Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?
2. If so, where and at what level?
3. 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.
4. 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:

1. Staffing numbers have not been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts.
2. N/A
3. There are no plans for staff reduction.
4. The 2011 Graduate Program intake is currently estimated to engage a minimum of 20 new employees. In 2010 the ACCC engaged 22 graduates. The ACCC does not plan to implement a cadetship or trainee program in 2011.