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TOPIC: Research staff numbers

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QUESTION No.: AI-45

Senator NASH: I have questions for the Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency. I have 90 seconds, so if we can try and do this really quickly that would be great. Are you able to give me the total cost of running the agency for the 2012-13 financial year?

Mr Shreeve: Yes. We have a budget of about \$8 million, but we also got some money in terms of what was coming out from Skills Australia as well.

Senator NASH: Okay. How much was that?

Mr Shreeve: We are operating on a budget of around \$10 million.

Senator NASH: Okay. How many staff are currently employed?

Mr Shreeve: Forty-five.

Senator NASH: How many do full-time research?

Mr Shreeve: Nearly everybody—

Senator NASH: You can give me a ballpark if you like and take it on notice.

Mr Shreeve: Yes. Nearly everybody does research, because besides our communication and admin people everybody is engaged in research in some way. We have a number of dedicated teams who do sectoral study, such as defence materiel and mineral resources, and we also have other people who are doing research into productivity and things like that—the majority.

Senator NASH: Fantastic. Could you take on notice for me a breakdown of all those areas.

Mr Shreeve: Yes, absolutely.

ANSWER

The Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency (AWPA) secretariat employs 28 staff to undertake research in the areas of workforce development, industry studies, tertiary reform, economic analysis and research to support the AWPA business plan.