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QUESTION No.BI-9
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Senator Campbell asked about:

How many of the positions that were vacant as at 30 April 2006 have been filled? How many of the positions remain vacant?

ANSWER

During the period 1 July 2005 to 30 April 2006, 177 ongoing staff left the Department. During the same period the Department recruited 187 ongoing staff.

The Department utilises the flexibilities provided for under the *Public Service Act 1999*, it continually assesses its operational requirements and assigns human resources where necessary. Therefore vacancies are not necessarily filled upon vacancy, rather an assessment of the ongoing need is undertaken.