

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**TREASURY**

**Australian Taxation Office**

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**Question**                    **BET 93**  
**Topic:**                      **Staff numbers Perth Debt Legals Unit**  
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Senator **Carol Brown** asked:

Are you looking at closing any other offices around the country?

*Mr D'Ascenzo—Offices? Functions?*

Senator **CAROL BROWN**—Debt legal units.

*Mr D'Ascenzo—We do that all the time. In other words, we try to rationalise our resources as best we can to produce a better outcome across the whole of the country. That rationalisation work will continue.*

**Senator CAROL BROWN**—My understanding is that there are debt legal units in every other state except Tasmania now?

*Ms Crawford—And certainly not the ACT.*

**Senator CAROL BROWN**—**How many staff are in the Perth unit?**

*Ms Crawford—I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that.*

**Answer**

There is currently one team consisting of 12 staff undertaking Debt legal work in the Northbridge Office in Perth.