

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**TOPIC:** AAO Structure

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.** BI-127

When is the Anglo Australian Observatory due to become a division of the Department?

Has this date remained the same since the decision was taken to move the AAO into the Department?

How many staff will be part of the new division?

**ANSWER**

The Anglo-Australian Observatory became a Division of the Department on 1 July 2010 and is now known as the Australian Astronomical Observatory (AAO).

The date remained unchanged since the decision was taken to move the AAO into the Department.

The AAO employs approximately 82 staff.