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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Reduction of Staffing Numbers as a Result of Budget Cuts

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Abetz

QUESTION No.: SI-9

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

ANSWER

The Department has had a reduction in staffing numbers as a result of budget cuts, the Portfolio Budget Statement reports an Average Staffing Level (ASL) reduction of 142, which includes staff transferred to other agencies as part of the AAO changes.

The Department introduced a range of measures to deal with surplus staff which resulted in 108 employees being declared excess. These employees either elected to take a voluntary redundancy or have sought redeployment. Details of classification and location follow:

State	APS 2	APS4	APS5	APS6	EL1	EL2	SES	Total
ACT	1	7	8	28	29	7	3	83
VIC					4	1		5
NSW			1	2	8	2		13
QLD				2				2
WA					1			1
SA				3				3
TAS			1					1
Total	1	7	10	35	42	10	3	108