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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: SR-7
Topic: Staff numbers in Resources, Energy and Tourism
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Senator BUSHBY asked:

Senator BUSHBY—As at 13 February; that would be a good starting point. We will come back to the 12-month-ago thing in a minute.

Ms Rose—Sorry, I have made an error. There were 362 staff members at 2 October.

Senator BUSHBY—And comparing that with February?

Ms Rose—Three hundred and thirty-three.

Senator BUSHBY—So it has gone up?

Ms Rose—Yes.

Senator BUSHBY—Are you able to break down areas within the department, such as the tourism, the bit that looks at energy, and so on, and do a comparison? How many are there in each of those areas within the department?

Ms Rose—I am not sure I have that easily available. I can come back to you later with that.

Senator BUSHBY—Can you take that on notice?

Ms Rose—Yes.

Senator BUSHBY—Presumably those subareas did exist in other departments prior to this department being put together the way it is. Could you do a comparison with the numbers 12 months ago?

Ms Rose—We will have to seek the assistance of another agency to do that but, yes, we can take that on notice.

Senator BUSHBY—I understand and appreciate that.

Dr Boxall—Just to be clear: you would like us to give the breakdown between the different divisions at this point compared with 12 months ago?

Senator BUSHBY—Yes, that is exactly right. Well said.

Dr Boxall—Thank you.

Senator BUSHBY—That is probably all I have at this point.

Dr Boxall—Madam Chair, I would just like to clarify that two staff members accompanied the minister to East Timor.

Senator BUSHBY—Thank you.

Answer:

The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism did not exist in October 2007. The following comparative numbers have been provided as at 3 December 2007 and at 01 October 2008.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Energy & Environment:	132	124
Resources	102	113
Tourism	59	54
Enabling Services	0	38
Total	293	329