

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

19 – 20 October 2011

Question No: SBT 230 - 231

Topic: ABS Staff Reduction

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Senator Bushy asked:

230. Are there any plans for staff reduction?

a) If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.

231. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

Answer:

230. Yes, in the ABS non-ongoing workforce.

(a) Towards the end of the 2011-12 financial year, processing of the Population Census will begin to phase down. Over the period May 2012 to December 2012, temporary employment contracts for some 650 non-ongoing staff working at the Census Data Processing Centre will conclude, as scheduled.

231. See response to SBT 230.