

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 25

Topic: Staffing

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Senator Bushby asked:

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

Answer:

The reduction reflects provision for a 9% payrise under a new Enterprise Agreement, just agreed with staff, and other savings (such as efficiency dividends) over the next three years. The ATO will need to reduce staffing levels in order to manage the proposed payrise within the available budget. In addition, staffing levels will need to reduce from 2013-14 when new policy funding for a number of Strategic Compliance budget measures ceases.