

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Staffing

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: SI-133

Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

ANSWER

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

The Department is currently working through its planning and budgeting processes for 2013-14 – 2016-17 and the outcomes of these including expected staffing levels for 2013-14 will be incorporated into the 2013-14 PBS. This could involve a number of staff reductions which cannot be managed through natural attrition.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)

AIATSIS has not planned to make any staff reductions at this stage.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)

AIMS is currently working through its planning and budgeting processes for 2013-14 – 2016-17 and the outcomes of these including expected staffing levels for 2013-14 will be incorporated into the 2013-14 PBS.

AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

ANSTO has not planned to make any staff reductions at this stage.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

ARC has not planned to make any staff reductions at this stage.

AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY (ASQA)

ASQA has not planned to make any staff reductions at this stage.

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

CSIRO is currently working through its planning and budgeting processes for 2013-14 – 2016-17 and the outcomes of these including expected staffing levels for 2013-14 will be incorporated into the 2013-14 PBS.

IP AUSTRALIA

IP Australia has not planned to make any staff reductions at this stage.

TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY (TEQSA)

TEQSA has not planned to make any staff reductions at this stage.