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TOPIC: Australian Astronomical Observatory

REFERENCE: Written Question - Senator Carr

QUESTION No: SI-127

1. What are the roles and responsibilities of the Australian Astronomical Observatory in the Department of Industry?
2. How many FTE position are allocated to Australian Astronomical Observatory? Has this changed since 7 September 2013?
3. As at 18 September 2013 when the new Government was sworn in, provide a breakdown of actual headcounts, and provide the number of staff on non-ongoing employment arrangements. Also please provide an up to date organisational structure for this division.
4. What programs is the Australian Astronomical Observatory in the Department of Industry responsible for?

ANSWER

1. The roles and responsibilities of the Australian Astronomical Observatory are set out in the *Australian Astronomical Observatory Act 2010*, with further information available at www.aao.gov.au.
2. The allocated FTE for the AAO as at 30 November 2013 is 82.14. This figure has not changed since 7 September 2013.
3. As at 18 September 2013 the actual headcount for the AAO was 89. This was made up of 53 ongoing employees and 36 non-ongoing employees. The organisational structure is at **Attachment A**.
4. The programmes are listed in the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14.

