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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: AusIndustry Saving Target

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION NO.: SI-78

In relation to AusIndustry:

1. Are reports in the Canberra Times on 27 Nov 2013 re cuts to the agency accurate?
2. What is the savings target for AusIndustry?
3. What measures are being implemented to meet the savings target?
4. Are programs going to be closed over the next 12 months? If so, which ones?
5. How many jobs are being cut from AusIndustry and over what period of time?
6. Will the target be met through voluntary redundancies or with there be some compulsory redundancies? If so how many job cuts will come via compulsory redundancies.
7. Has this department offered any packages to staff as a means of achieving the job cuts target?
8. Is AusIndustry undertaking any other measures to achieve savings?

ANSWER

1. Yes.
2. A reduction of approximately 100 staff.
3. Measures include natural attrition, not filling new positions, rationalisation of branches and sections, internal staff transfers and staff reductions.
4. Yes, the Clean Technology Program has closed. The closure of other programs is a matter for Government.
5. The savings target is expected to be met by mid February 2014 using the measures outlined in question 3.
6. Staff may choose to take a voluntary redundancy or seek redeployment. Redeployment will occur in line with the Department's Enterprise Agreement and the Australian Public Service Commission's APS Redeployment Policy.
7. Yes.
8. Yes – refer to answer 3.