

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Senator ABETZ—The answer is no? Possibly if you could take on notice staff numbers, things of that nature. That is Cross Portfolio as well? Ms Paul—Sure. Happy to. Yes, it is. Senator ABETZ—Staff numbers, the increase or decrease in the staff numbers, staff turnover, and whether there has been any higher staff turnover in any particular area, and rates of absenteeism over the last two years.

Answer

There has been a slight decrease in the Average Staffing Level (ASL) numbers from 5489 in 2008-09 to 5335 in 2009-10.

Staff Turnover for 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008 – 15.25%

Staff Turnover for 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 – 11.42%

Our monitoring has not identified any significantly higher turnover in any particular area of the department.

Absenteeism rate for 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008 – 4.77%

Absenteeism rate for 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 – 4.92%