

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

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Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

Staff reduction

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

The Department is on track to meet the 2012-13 budget. This has involved staff reductions through voluntary redundancies at the end of the 2011-12, disciplined recruitment throughout the year and a tightening of administrative costs.