

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

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Question

STAFFING – STAFF REDUCTION

Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.

Answer

The 2010-11 Budget provides an estimated ASL for the Department of 4,975, a reduction of 525 from the 2009-10 estimated actual.

The reduction will be managed through natural attrition and a limited number of voluntary redundancies.

The Department is currently going through its business planning process to match resource allocations with priorities. It is also continually refining business processes and support activities.