

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

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

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Senator Barnett provided in writing.

Question

STAFFING – FURTHER EFFICIENCY

If your Department/agency has been identified in the budget as delivering further efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, if the budget papers say 'improvement to strategic work practices' or similar, what are these and how will they be delivered?)

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.