

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Cross Portfolio

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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

As at 31 October 2012, the department is on track to achieve its budget targets for 2012-13. The department's average staffing level is expected to be 3,593 in 2012-13 and it is considered that this will be achieved through natural attrition without the need to cut programs or services.