Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Senate Budget Estimates, June 2011 Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No 35

Senator Trood asked in writing

- a) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?
- b) If so, where and at what classification?
- c) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e.reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
- d) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.

Answer:

- a) No
- b) Not applicable
- c) No
- d) AusAID will expand its graduate intake for 2012 and extend the duration of the agency's graduate program from 1 to 2 years