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Topic: Staffing Numbers

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Question: (Senator Ryan)

- a) What have been the changes in staffing levels since November 2007?
- b) Why have these changes occurred?
- c) What have been the budgetary implications?
- d) What, if any, functions have been sacrificed?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Climate Change was created on 3 December 2007. Since that time, the Department has experienced an increase in staffing levels to 509, as at 31 January 2010. On 8 March 2010, the new Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency was created through Machinery of Government (MoG) changes. The current staffing level of the Department is 1,073.
- b) These changes have been due to the evolving nature of the Department's business, including MoG changes, to meet required departmental outcomes.
- c) The Department has been resourced in line with the measures reported by government, as reflected in the Portfolio Budget Statements in the budget years since the original establishment of the Department.
- d) No functions have been "sacrificed" in this context.