

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2010**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Outcome General, Program General**

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**Senator Ryan asked:**

- a) What have been the changes in staffing level 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) Staffing levels (full time equivalent) have increased by 240.59 from 1,441.35 (30 November 2007) to 1,681.94 (1 February 2010).
- b) This change has occurred due to Machinery of Government changes, an expanded role for the Department and the insourcing of major functions in Human Resources and Information Technology.
- c) Since November 2007, the budgetary implications for increased staffing levels has increased employee expenses from \$129m (2007-08 PAES) to \$158m (2009-10 PAES) resulting in an overall increase of \$29m.
- d) No functions have been sacrificed.