

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Question: PM62a-d**

**Topic: Staffing - efficiency dividend/budget cuts**

**Type of Question: Written**

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- 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 level?**
- c) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. 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. Staffing numbers are managed in accordance with resources provided by Government through Budget processes.
- b) n/a.
- c) The Department is currently considering the internal allocation of resources for 2010-11 and this will be influenced by any decisions taken by Government in the budget context.
- d) In February 2010 the Department employed 30 graduates, a significant increase over previous years.