

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1.4 Support Services for Government Operations

Topic: Staff reductions

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

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.

If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

Answer:

The department has estimated that average staffing levels will fall from levels as at 30 June 2011 due to a range of factors such as:

- the conclusion of the 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meeting;
- the establishment of the National Mental Health Commission during 2012; and
- the machinery of government changes announced on 14 December 2011.