

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Topic:

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:

As at 29 February 2012, the Ombudsman has a total FTE of 151.39, which is higher than the appropriated budget. Budgeted ASL for 2012-13 is 135. Staffing reductions will continue to be made through natural attrition and resources will be reduced in areas of discretionary work. Other strategies to reduce staff numbers, such as voluntary redundancies, are also being considered.