Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: Topic: Staffing

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

a. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.

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

Answer:

- a. The ANAO expects to manage its work program within the budget estimates for 2012-13. Planning is in progress to manage the cumulative effect of the efficiency dividends and price increases in the out years 2013-14 and 2014-15. This is likely to require staffing reductions which are expected to be achieved through natural attrition.
- b. See the response to (a) above.