

**Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts**

**F&PA13 – All Departments –Senator Barnett**

**Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?**

- Since the efficiency dividend was introduced?
- Since additional estimates?

Answer:

No.

**Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.**

Answer:

No.

**If your Department/agency has been identified in the budget as delivering further efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, if the budget papers say ‘improvement to strategic work practices’ or similar, what are these and how will they be delivered?**

Answer:

Not applicable.

**What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions or increases are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.**

Answer:

No changes are underway or planned, at this stage, for graduate recruitment, cadetship or to similar programs.

The department jointly administers the Parliament of Australia Graduate Program with the Department of the House of Representatives. The department joined the program in 2009 and four graduates have participated in it to date. A review of the effectiveness of this year’s program has not yet been completed as the program is currently operational.