

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

- a) What is the total number of staff in Medicare and how many of these are Medicare band staff?
- b) How many staff were employed by Medicare in 2007 and how many of those were SES band staff?
- c) How many Medicare staff members have resigned or retired since the last time February 2010?
- d) Have all of those staff been replaced?

Answer:

- a) Total headcount at 31 March 2010 was 5,728. This included 44 SES band staff (this does not include the Chief Executive Officer of Medicare Australia).
- b) Headcount at 30 June 2007 was 5,972 including 52 SES band staff (this included the then Chief Executive Officer of Medicare Australia)¹.
- c) From 10 February to 31 May 2010², there have been 83 resignations and 27 retirements.
- d) During the same period, there were 252 new staff engaged by Medicare Australia. This comprised 106 ongoing engagements and 146 non-ongoing engagements.

¹ Medicare Australia Annual Report 2006-2007

² Includes age retirements, invalidity retirements, resignation for unspecified reasons, resignation to pursue employment outside the APS and resignation following maternity leave. It does not include staff that have separated for other reasons such as end of contract, death, abandoned employment, redundancy, dismissal or transfers to other agencies.