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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Topic: Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts Question reference number: PM 61 Type of Question: Written Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Number of Pages: 1

PM 61 - All Departments and Agencies - 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? ONA Response: No

If so, where and at what level?

ONA Response: N/A

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. ONA Response: 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?

ONA Response: N/A

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.

ONA Response: ONA does not currently have a graduate or cadet program, however is currently investigating a range of recruitment opportunities through the development of a recruitment strategy.