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**Answer:**

Over the last several years staffing numbers have reduced as a result of budget realities, including increased staffing and supplier costs and the impact of the efficiency dividend on a small agency. Staffing numbers are managed in accordance with resources provided by Government through Budget processes. From 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2010, full time equivalent staff numbers reduced by approximately 7 per cent. These savings have been achieved across a broad range of levels throughout the organisation.

There are no plans for further reductions in overall staff numbers at this time. The Office will continue to consider the most efficient and effective internal allocation of resources and prioritise expenditure accordingly.

The Office is not proposing any changes to graduate, cadetships or similar programs.