Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Senate Budget Estimates 2010-11 (May 2010)

Portfolio of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Australian Institute of Family Studies

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Topic: Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts

Senator: Barnett

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- a) 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?

No. Staffing numbers are managed in accordance with resources provided by Government through Budget processes.

b) If so, where and at what level?

N/A

c) 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.

The Institute is currently considering the internal allocation of resources for 2010-11.

d) 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?

The Institute will deliver savings from a variety of strategies including:

- making greater use of electronic publication of research material
- reducing travel costs, and
- growing contract and commissioned revenue to off-set savings.
- e) 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.

The Institute does not have graduate or cadetship programs in place.

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