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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

Senator CORMANN: Give me a number for natural attrition over the forward estimates on the basis of this increase in efficiency dividend. What would be the number?

Mr Tune: We do not have a number in that sense, but we looked at it in its totality and natural attrition—I have forgotten the number now—is reasonably high. This number we came up with, which I cannot recall now, was way below that, so it was a very comfortable fit.

Senator CORMANN: So on notice you are going to tell me how much?....

Senator CORMANN: So on notice you are going to give us a number as to what your expectations are?

Mr Tune: Yes, I will take that on notice.

Answer:

If the entire impact of the temporary two year increase in the efficiency dividend was met solely from staff reductions, the Department of Finance and Deregulation estimates that total public sector staffing would reduce by approximately 1,900 ASL.