

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission  
**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio  
**Topic:** Staffing - reduction

**Senator:** Ryan

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**Question:**

1. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening

**Answer:**

1. There have been five voluntary retrenchments in the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) in June 2012 due to the roles being excess to requirements in 2012-13.
2. There are likely to be further staff reductions as a result of lapsing or reduced program funding in 2012-13 and the out years. Staffing is projected to reduce from 278 in 2011-12 to 263 in 2012-13 and to below 250 in 2013-14.