

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Staffing

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?

ONA Response:

One voluntary redundancy has occurred for this financial year to 31 May 2013. Staff excess to operational requirements.

Question:

Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

ONA Response:

No

Question:

Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.

ONA Response:

No further reductions are planned at this stage. ONA will continue to closely monitor staff numbers to ensure budget targets are achieved and any future reductions will flow from considered workforce planning and natural attrition.

Question:

If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

ONA Response:

Nil

Question:

Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

ONA Response:

Nil