

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Supplementary Estimates Hearing – October 2010

Outcome General, Program General

Topic: Staffing levels since Budget Estimates 2010

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Senator Bernardi asked:

- a) How many permanent staff recruited since Budget Estimates 2010? What level are these staff? Where is their location?
- b) Since Budget Estimates 2010, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?
- c) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the current efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts since Budget Estimates 2010? If so, where and at what level?
- d) 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.
- e) If your Department/agency has been identified in the 2010 election as delivering efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, savings commitments included reducing program funding, rationalising grants etc how will these impact the department and staffing) .

Answer:

For the purpose of answering this question a date range of 30 April 2010 to 30 September 2010 has been used because the Department of Finance and Deregulation is able to extract end-of-month data only.

- a) Refer to Attachment A.
- b) Refer to Attachment B.
- c) No.

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- d) The Department of Finance and Deregulation, the AEC and the FFMA have no plans for staff reductions. In 2010-11, ComSuper has budgeted for a reduction of 25 staff over the 2009-10 staffing level and a reduction of 39 staff over the current staffing position. Reducing the staffing level to 520 will be achieved by natural attrition and is not expected to impact on services or programs
- e) Not applicable.

**FINANCE AND DEREGULATION PORTFOLIO –
PERMANENT STAFF RECRUITED BETWEEN 30 APRIL-30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Agency	Classification	Location	No. of staff recruited
Department of Finance and Deregulation	APS1	ACT	1
	APS2	ACT	2
	APS3	ACT	9
	APS4	ACT	11
	APS5	ACT	9
	APS6	ACT	15
	EL1	ACT	31
	EL2	ACT PNG	11 1
	SES1	ACT	1
	SES2	ACT	2
	SES3	ACT	2
		TOTAL	95
	Australian Electoral Commission	APS2	ACT NSW WA
APS3		ACT NSW VIC TAS QLD	2 1 2 1 1
APS4		ACT	6
APS5		ACT VIC	5 1
APS6		ACT VIC SA	1 1 1
EL1		ACT NSW	2 1
EL2		ACT	2
SES1		ACT	1
		TOTAL	31

Agency	Classification	Location	No. of staff recruited
ComSuper	APS3	ACT	2
	APS5	ACT	1
	APS6	ACT	1
	EL1	ACT	2
	EL2	ACT	2
	CEO	ACT	1
		TOTAL	9
Future Fund Management Agency (FFMA)	FFMA Band 3	VIC	2
	FFMA Band 4	VIC	4
		TOTAL	6

**FINANCE AND DEREGULATION PORTFOLIO –
CONTRACTORS RECRUITED BETWEEN 30 APRIL 2010 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Agency	No of staff engaged	Average length of employment (days)
Department of Finance and Deregulation	31	78
Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)	101	95
ComSuper	52	81
Future Fund Management Agency (FFMA)	1	153