

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010

Question: PM110

Asked By: Senator Abetz

Topic: Staffing Levels - Changes

Type of Question: Written

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- a) **Are there expected changes to current staffing levels over the next 12 months? If yes, provide details including a breakdown of each level staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band) detailing the changes. Will this be different to what was reported in the 2010-11 Budget?**
- b) **Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this? Will staff reductions be used to achieve the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend?**
- c) **Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future?**

Answer:

- (a) As outlined in the response to PM108, staff transfers arising from the September 2010 machinery of government changes are currently being settled. No other changes are anticipated at this stage.
- (b) No.
- (c) No voluntary or involuntary redundancies have been offered to staff since 30 April 2010 and there are no plans to offer any redundancies in the next 12 months.