

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: PM110

Asked By: Senator ABETZ

Topic: Staffing Levels (expected change)

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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:

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority

- a) The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority expects no changes to the current staffing levels over the next 12 months.
- b) There has not been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings.
- c) No voluntary or involuntary redundancies have been offered to ASADA staff in the last 12 months. In 2009 four voluntary redundancies were offered to staff, following the decision to close the Melbourne office. Three of the four VRs were taken up in the 2009, and the fourth was taken up in July 2010. ASADA has no plans to offer further redundancies.

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Australian Sports Commission

- a) The Commission does not anticipate changes of any significance in staffing establishments over the next 12 months. The Australian Sports Commission is subject to the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* (CAC Act), and consequentially do not employ staff under the provisions of the *Public Service Act 1999*.
- b) No staff reduction has occurred for the purpose of achieving savings to meet the efficiency dividend or other budget cuts.
- c) There have been eight involuntary redundancies since July 2009, due to minor structural realignments. At this stage there are no plans for future redundancies.