## Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

[SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011]

[Portfolio of the Prime Minister and Cabinet]

**Department/Agency: Australian Institute of Family Studies Outcome/Output Group:** Australian Institute of Family Studies

**Topic:** Staffing Levels

**Senator:** Abetz

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- a) What has been the general staffing trend in your department and portfolio agencies since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y).
- b) What have been the changes in staffing levels since Budget Estimates 2010? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications? In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions these staff performed have been sacrificed and why?

## **Answer:**

a) AIFS's Average Staffing Level (ASL) has increased by approximately 20 percent from 54 at 30 November 2007 to 65 at 31 October 2010.

The increase in staffing levels is directly attributable to an increase in contracted work.

b) AIFS's Average Staffing Level (ASL) has increased by approximately 5 percent from 62 at 30 April 2010 to 65 at 31 October 2010.

The costs of the additional staff are met through increases in contract revenue.