

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Outcome: 1

Topic: Staffing Levels

Senator: ABETZ

Question reference number: 61

Type of question: Written, Tuesday 19 October 2010

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 3 December 2010

- 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) .

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Answer:

- a) None.
- b) Nine employees have been employed on contract during this period and the average length of their employment period is four months.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) Not applicable. The Department was established after the 2010 election.