

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Staffing – Staff reductions

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.

If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

Answer:

At 30 June 2011 the ANAO had a staffing profile of 364. While this number has fluctuated slightly over the years, 376 at 30 June 2010 and 365 at 30 June 2009, our workforce has remained reasonably static for many years and reflects our program of work in any given year.

A decision has been made to close the small Sydney office and consolidate those functions in Canberra. Seven staff are affected by this decision to centralise our financial audit services. Every effort is being made to find alternative employment arrangements for affected staff. The office closure has no impact on the delivery or quality of the ANAO's financial auditing services.

The closure of our Sydney office does not represent a reduction in the overall size of the ANAO's workforce and the ANAO has no plans to reduce staff numbers.