

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

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**Topic: Increase in Staff Numbers**

**Asked By: Senator JOYCE**

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Which divisions have seen an increase in staffing this FYTD? What was the reason for increasing staff in these divisions?

What classifications are these staff?

**Answer:**

From the period 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011 there has been a total increase of five staff across the Department. This increase was across a range of classification levels (APS 5 to SES Band 2 classifications).