

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance and Deregulation

**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1

**Topic:** Public Service Jobs

**Senator:** Cormann

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**Question:**

How many jobs have been cut from the Public Service over the last two years to this financial year, if any?

**Answer:**

The Government publishes estimates of agency staffing levels in Statement 6 of Budget Paper Number 1 each year (Table C5: Estimates of Average Staffing Level (ASL) in the General Government Sector). Table C5 includes for each General Government Sector body an estimated actual ASL for the current financial year and a projected ASL for the forthcoming Budget financial year, including the change between both. The footnotes to Table C5 include explanations of variations such as impacts from machinery of government changes.

The estimated actual ASL for the 2010-11 financial year was 261,891 (2011-12 BP1, p.6-73). The estimated actual ASL for the 2011-12 financial year was 261,637 (2012-13 BP1, p.6-76). The projected total ASL for the 2012-13 financial year was approximately 258,563 as at Budget (2012-13 BP1, p.6-76).

While Table C5 in Statement 6 of Budget Paper Number 1 each year projects the total aggregate staff numbers in ASL across the General Government Sector, individual agencies' annual reports report on the final ASL numbers after each financial year is completed.