

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Program SPCG

Question No. 98

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

- a. Please detail what changes have occurred in the portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 September 2010.
- b. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for examples changes to Departmental signage or whether refurbishment or additional space will need to be eased to accommodate new staff? Alternatively, will agencies be left with empty office space due to loss of staff)? Please provide details.
- c. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band, and each APS band.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a. As a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 September 2010, the Territories Division of the Attorney-General's Department has moved to the new Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.
- b. There has been no requirement for changes to Departmental signage, nor has there been a requirement for refurbishment or additional space. The Department has not been left with any empty office space as it handed back 1,000 sqm at Bruce concurrently with the movement of the Territories function and this exceeded the space being utilised by Territories.
- c. A transfer of APS employees from the Attorney-General's Department to the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government under s72 of the *Public Service Act 1999* occurred as a result of the changed Administrative Arrangements Orders.

The classification of affected employees was as follows:

Classification	Number of Employees
SES Band 2	1
SES Band 1	1
Executive Level 2	9
Executive Level 1	21
APS Level 6	18
APS Level 5	5
APS Level 4	3
APS Level 3	6
APS Level 2	1