

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

**Group: Corporate**

**Question No. 2**

**Senator Seselja asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

**Senator SESELJA:** So what has that [centralised recruitment] process meant for staff numbers in, say, the last 12 months? Has there been a reduction or an increase, or has it stayed roughly flat?

**Ms Glanville:** I think, as in our annual report, our staff numbers have actually increased, but that is due to both the royal commission into sexual abuse and the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce. I can certainly get you the exact figures on our numbers. It is still a work in progress, as you would appreciate.

**Senator SESELJA:** Sure.

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

Over the past 12 months (1 November 2012 to 31 October 2013), the department has seen an increase in staff of 152 due to the establishment of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce.

When excluding the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce, the department has had a reduction of 73 staff over the past 12 months (1 November 2012 to 31 October 2013).