

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 13 June 2018
Subject: Reduction in staffing – Alice Springs and Tennant Creek
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To: Chief Minister
Agency: Department of the Chief Minister

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Question: Why has staffing reduced in Alice Springs from 15 to 9.75 FTE and Tennant Creek 5 to 3 FTE this financial year, being the period referred to as the 30 June 2017 to 31 March 2018?

Answer:

Staff numbers in Alice were 12 not 15. There are now 13 staff in place as of 12 July, 2018.

During the period above a staff member was seconded to another agency to do a specific project and not backfilled and some resignations occurred.

Staffing changes in Tennant Creek was from 4 to 3 FTE. This was due to a Regional Development Officer position transferring from Tennant Creek to Nhulunbuy. However, since that time a senior position has been increased to an ECO 2 role and additional positions have been placed in Territory Families, the Department of Health and other agencies.