

AGRICULTURE

Question on Notice

Question 1

Danny O'BRIEN: I am sorry, Secretary, I am limited on time. Is there a figure identified by the department for job losses either in the department and specifically in AgVic?

John BRADLEY: No, Mr O'Brien. The department is responsible now for reporting back to government on the best measures to achieve that \$27.5 million, and that is where the specific programs will be determined. As the minister said, the saving programs will be expected to be directed towards back office functions and the items identified by the Treasurer in announcing the saving program.

Danny O'BRIEN: Given we do not have that figure, could I ask you to provide to us on notice a list of full-time equivalent positions by program and location for AgVic for the current and the past five years?

John BRADLEY: Minister, I am happy for us to consider the best response to that on notice.

Gayle TIERNEY: Sure.

Danny O'BRIEN: Sorry, that should not be one that you need to consider.

John BRADLEY: I just want to make sure, Mr O'Brien, that I am in a position to answer the question as asked, but we will come back to you on notice.

Answer:

Information on departmental staffing levels is published in departmental annual reports.