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Dear Mr Morris

2013-14 BUDGET ESTIMATES - FURTHER INFORMATION - ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO

Thank you for your letter dated 20 June 2013 regarding the question taken on notice at the recent 2013-14 Budget Estimates hearing for the Environment and Climate Change portfolio.

Please find attached a formal response to the question taken on notice, as per page five of the Environment and Climate Change portfolio transcript.

I trust this will provide the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee with the further information it requires to complete its inquiry into the 2013-14 Budget.

Thank you again for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

THE HON RYAN SMITH MP
Minister for Environment and Climate Change

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**ATTACHMENT: QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND
FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO
BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS**

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO

1. Please advise the total reduction of the workforce expected in the Environment and Climate Change area as a result of the recruitment freeze.

As a result of the recruitment freeze, the Environment and Climate Change area has had a reduction in its workforce of 18.52 FTE.

(Page 5 of the Environment and Climate Change portfolio transcript)