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TOPIC: Redundancies

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Senator KETTER: What effect have those redundancies had on the delivery of Geoscience Australia's programs?

Dr Pigram: Inevitably, they require us to wind back the program. But, in terms of the specifics of which areas have been slowed down, I cannot provide you with that information, I am sorry, but we have certainly scaled the work program to fit the available resources.

Senator KETTER: Are you able to provide that information on notice?

Dr Pigram: Certainly. I will have a look at where those people came from.

ANSWER

The majority of the redundancies came from internal service areas, including information communication technology (7), laboratories (3), engineering services (2), finance (2) and collections management (1). The work programmes for these areas have been adjusted to match agency priorities and resources, without reducing the benefits of Geoscience Australia's programmes to clients and stakeholders.