

NRMAY69 – Response

Question 1

1. It has been announced that the Environmental Agency are to suffer 1,700 job losses, what percentage of total EA staffing is that?

Response

The Environment Agency is now looking to reduce to around 10,250 staff by October 2014 from a position of around 10,600 on 1 April. This is a 3.3% reduction.

Question 2 and 3

2. What percentage of total staff will be cut from the area office covering West Sussex or specifically the area around Wisborough Green and Kirdford?
3. What percentage of staffing are to be cut in staffing roles having responsibility for water and land contamination and for regulating unconventional gas in this area of West Sussex?

Response

In the Budget, the Chancellor announced an additional £140million Flood and Coastal Risk Management funding over the next two years. This is in addition to the £130m previously announced by the Government in early February. We are continuing to assess what this means for our overall job numbers, but we can confirm that this additional funding means we will not reduce the number of frontline posts in FCRM and that reductions in total will not be as high as we previously thought. By October 2014 it is likely that job numbers will be around 10,250. As we start the new financial year our staff numbers are currently around 10,600.