

As part of work we are doing for Luton, Bedford and Central Bedfordshire councils trying to understand the impact of public sector spending cuts. This is a highly important piece of research which will help determine the levels of government funding in Bedfordshire.

We would like to know the following questions for:

1) Are you expecting any reductions in spending for your organisation in this financial year (2011/2012) or the following financial year (2012/2013)?

This information is not held.

2) What is the value of budget cuts to your organisation in Cardington?

We do not hold information relating to budget cuts for the Cardington office. No such cuts have been planned for.

3) What proportion of your total budget in Cardington does this represent for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013?

Please see response to question two.

4) How many people do you currently employ in Cardington?

As of the 31 May 2011, the head count of staff at Cardington was 31 and the full time employee figure was 29.75.

5) How many job losses does your organisation plan to make in this financial year (2011/2012)?

We have published on page 27 of our annual Business Plan details of planned workforce numbers which show a planned increase in the number of staff employed for the 2011/12 financial year. Our business plan can be found using the following link:
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/dsa-business-plan-2011-12> .

Please note that since publication of our Business Plan, a voluntary severance scheme was offered to administrative staff but this is not expected to result in a reduction in overall staff numbers as the number of driving examiners employed is expected to increase. The number of staff leaving under this scheme are not yet known as it is being run in a number of stages.

6) How many of these are expected to be in Cardington?

There are no plans for reductions in jobs at the Cardington office.

7) How many job losses does your organisation plan to make in the following financial year (2012/2013)?

This information is not held.

8) How many of these are expected to be in Cardington?

See our reply to question six

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