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ANSTO* restructure update

ANSTO has completed the first phase of its May announcement that it would re-focus its research and operational priorities and achieve \$10 million worth of savings.

The first phase which involved inviting staff to express interest in voluntary redundancy resulted in 33 voluntary redundancies being agreed to. ANSTO is looking to reduce its 1009 workforce by around 80 employees

The second phase is now underway which will involve efficiencies, consolidations and structural changes in operations and scale back in lower priority research areas. Involuntary redundancies will occur in this stage.

The restructure was part of ANSTO's strategic plan but was brought forward due to reductions in Federal Government funding of \$5.8 million in real terms. Increased salary and operational costs in the coming year together with reductions in external income have contributed to an expected deficit of \$16 million this financial year..

ANSTO is therefore refocusing its activities on its core functions in both the research and operational areas. ANSTO's staff members have been kept up to date with all the steps and will continue to be briefed regularly.

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