

Salary Budget Reports
User Guide



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# 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose

This document details the reporting functionalities available to the Faculty/Division and School/Unit users working with Salary Budget Reporting in the new Newcastle Information and Analytics (NINA) Portal. This user guide will cover:

Section 2: NINA Salary Budget Reporting

• Section 3: Navigating NINA Reports

Section 4: Exporting Data

Section 5: Field Glossary

• Section 6: HELP

#### 1.2 Scope

The implementation of the new on-line Salary Budget Reports will give Faculty/Division and School/Unit users' visibility of salary spend against the approved budgets.

This training guide will assist users to be able to work with the new NINA Reporting tool for Salary Budget reporting, clearly identifying the functionality that is required to assist these users perform their relevant tasks in the system.

# 1.3 NINA Report Access

The Security around the NINA Reporting for the Stage 1 release is as below:

| Position/Role  | Access Level                       | Functionality Available   |
|--|------------------------------------|---|
| <ul> <li>Key Financial Planning<br/>Committee members</li> <li>HRIS and SPP<br/>Support Roles</li> </ul>   | Institution Level                  | <ul> <li>Budget Variance dashboard</li> <li>YTD Budget v Actual</li> <li>MTD Budget v Actual</li> <li>Budget and Actual FTE Capabilities</li> <li>Filter by Faculty/Division</li> <li>Filter by School/Unit</li> <li>All Faculty/Division Detail view/export</li> </ul> |
| <ul><li>HR Business Partners</li><li>Financial Operatives</li></ul>  | All Faculties and Divisions        | <ul> <li>YTD Budget v Actual</li> <li>MTD Budget v Actual</li> <li>Budget v Actual FTE Capabilities:</li> <li>Filter by School/Unit</li> <li>All Faculty/Division Detail view/export</li> </ul>   |
| <ul> <li>PVC/DVC</li> <li>Faculty Associate<br/>Director or equivalent</li> <li>Faculty Manager</li> </ul> | Faculty/Division of responsibility | <ul> <li>YTD Budget v Actual</li> <li>MTD Budget v Actual</li> <li>Budget and Actual FTE Capabilities:</li> <li>Filter by School/Unit</li> <li>Own Faculty/Division Detail view/export</li> </ul>   |

# 1.4 Prerequisite knowledge

This document assumes that readers have a clear understanding of the University of Newcastle's Budget and Salary Expenditure concepts.



### 1.5 Symbols

Throughout this guide you may see a number of symbols that mean the following:

Important information to note

**.** 

What to do if there is a problem or the information you should be viewing is not coming up

# 2 NINA Salary Budget Reporting

#### 2.1 What is NINA?

The Newcastle Information and Analytics (NINA) Portal offers users an exciting and interactive visualisation of critical information, including the new Salary Budget reports. Strategy, Planning and Performance (SPP) is currently working through a queue of additional developments and new reports will be released in batches on the first day of each month.

#### 2.2 NINA Access

The Newcastle Information and Analytics (NINA) Portal is now available for you to access as part of



the Salary Budget Reporting group. You are one of the first users to gain access to this new and exciting system. The SPP team hope you enjoy working with the portal and welcome any feedback or comments you may have.

Should you wish to view reports on your tablet device, a free app must be downloaded and configured. If you wish to view reports on your tablet outside of the University network a Virtual Private

Network (VPN) client for Tablets will be required. SPP will be happy to assist you with this process.

If you have difficulty accessing the Portal or experience extreme delays when loading reports, please contact <a href="Meagan Morrissey">Meagan Morrissey</a> Senior Information Analyst, Strategy, Planning and Performance. Individual or group NINA reporting training sessions are also available through this contact.

For security purposes, access to the NINA Portal offsite (*outside the University Private Network*) is via VPN. You can arrange to have the approved VPN client installed on a University laptop or home PC via the 17triplezero IT Service Desk.

## 2.3 Log in

To navigate to the Portal login screen, go to NINA and save the URL to your favourites.

A quick link has also been setup on the University of Newcastle website. This is under *Current Staff > Systems and Tools > More Online Tools > Newcastle Information and Analytics (NINA)*.

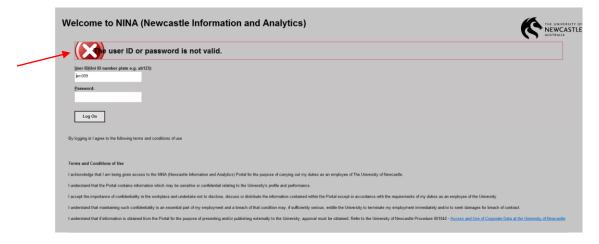


You can also access the portal by typing *NINA* into the UON website search box, then selecting the *Reporting with NINA* link from the search listing. This will offer other useful information and additional links into the NINA reporting tool.





Enter your User ID (*ie. number plate*) and password within the relevant boxes in the login window. If you enter an invalid User ID or Password, 'The user ID or password is not valid' message will appear. Simply re-enter your details, then press 'Enter' or click on the 'Log On' button.



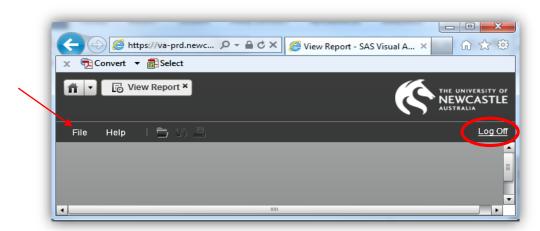


What you can view in the system depends very much on your assigned role in NINA (*Refer Access Section 1.3*). If authorised for the Salary Budget reporting, once you log in into the NINA system, the *Human Resources > Salary Budgets* link will appear in the NINA home page.

#### 2.4 Logoff

By default, any user will be logged out of the NINA system after 30 minutes of application inactivity.

You can also click on the *Log Off* option within the navigation bar in the top-right corner of the screen, or select *Log Off* from the *File* menu.



# 3 Navigating NINA Reports

Authorised staff can <u>access a range of reports</u> via NINA and the MIS Portal. The range of reports available in NINA are continually being updated. However, if you cannot find what you are looking for, try the MIS Portal or complete the <u>Information Request Form</u>.

Users given the Salary Budget reporting access are able to view salary expenditure against budget data in alignment with their Faculty/Division and Schools/Units assigned.

Users requiring an overarching view of all Faculty/Division data will have access to the *Budget Variance* dashboard. Refer Reporting Tabs Section 3.1.5 for further information.

# 3.1 Working with Reports

#### 3.1.1 Types of Reports

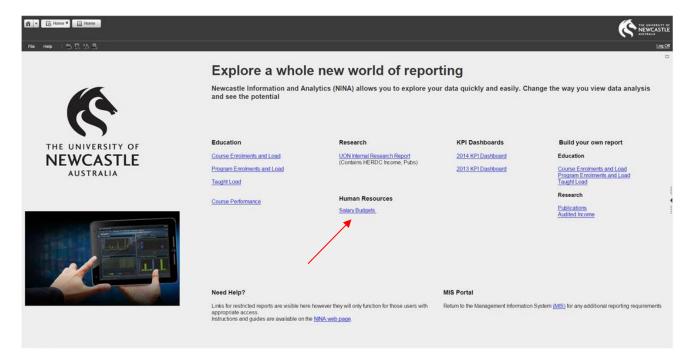
As a Salary Budget reporting authorised user, you have access to monthly reports in the Salary Budget reporting hub. Depending on your access (*Refer Access Section 1.3*), you will be able to view all Faculty/Division reports, or simply your own or specified Faculty/Divisional information.

#### 3.1.2 Accessing Reports

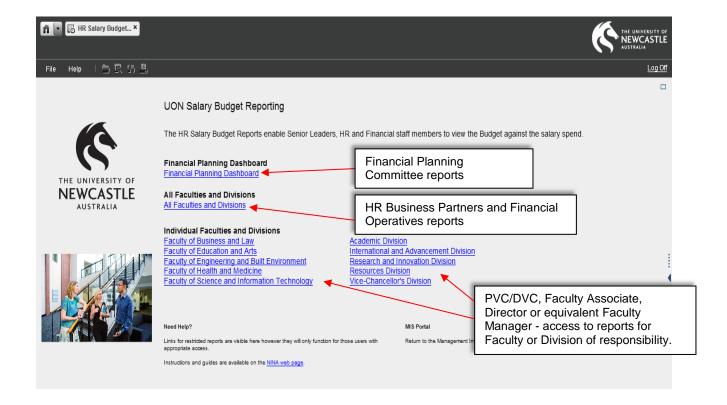
Accessing reports in NINA is easy. Once logged in, the first page will be the NINA home page which contains links to all reports available to you.



From the NINA home page, click on the hyperlink to the report you wish to access, in this case being the Human Resources *Salary Budgets* option, which will then open the HR reporting page.



From the HR reporting page you can access various report links, in line with your NINA access (*Refer Access Section 1.3*). When you click on a reporting link, the selected report will open within your browser.

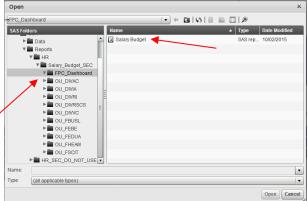




It is also possible to use the *File* menu to navigate to a report. From the *File* menu, select either *Open* or *Recent* (ie. to review previously selected reports) and then select the report required. The Salary

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Budget reports can be found under the *REPORTS > HR > Salary\_Budget\_SEC* folder in the 'Open' box. It is recommended to use the NINA home page links rather than the 'Open' box.

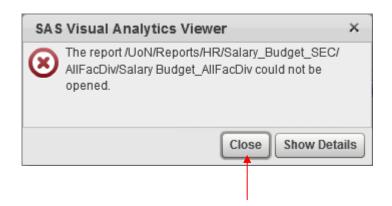


If you have selected a report link from the NINA home page, or HR reporting page to open a report, you can navigate back to the these pages at any time by clicking on the *Return* icon, found in the top left of any reporting pane.



#### 3.1.3 No Access to Reports Message

When a user does not have valid access to a selected report, then the following error message will appear (*Refer Access Section 1.3*).

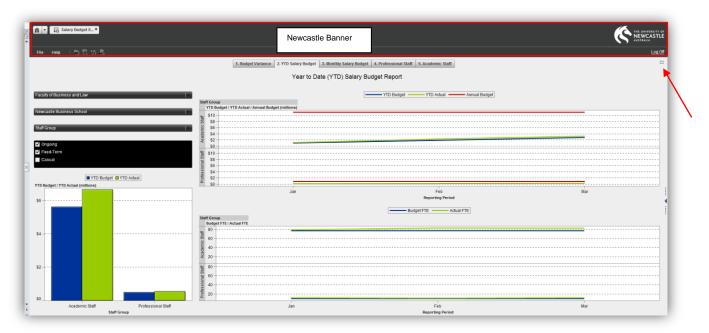


Simply select 'Close' to cancel the error message, and then click on the reporting link for which you have correct access.



#### 3.1.4 Hiding the Banner

If many graphs are displayed, you can hide the Newcastle banner to gain more screen space by clicking on the *Hide banner* button found in the top-right corner of the reporting pane. To return the banner, simply click on the *Show banner* button.



#### 3.1.5 **Reporting Tabs**

Once the Salary Budget report is opened, you can select a different view of its report data by selecting one of the section tabs found along the top of the report.

1. Budget Variance 2. YTD Salary Budget 3. Monthly Salary Budget 4. Professional Staff 5. Academic Staff

Depending on your access (*Refer Access Section 1.3*), a couple or all of the following tabs will become available.

| Report Tab        | Definition   |
|-------------------|--|
| Budget Variance   | Clicking on this tab enables users with Institutional access to the Salary Budget reporting, mainly key Financial Planning Committee members and Support staff, to view all Faculty and Divisional data. This includes different graphs depicting variances between the budget and actual spend. Users are able to use the Filters available to drill down to different Faculties/Divisions and Schools/Units for Professional and Academic Staff. |
| YTD Salary Budget | Clicking on this tab enables users with full access to view all Faculty and Divisional data, including graphs depicting the YTD Budget FTE and salary against the YTD Actual FTE and salary. Users are able to use the Filters available to drill down to different Faculties/Divisions and Schools/Units for Professional and Academic Staff.  If a user only has access to the Faculty/Division for which they are responsible,                  |
|                   | only this information will be displayed, and no other Faculty or Division option will be available from the filtered list.   |



| Report Tab            | Definition   |
|-----------------------|--|
| Monthly Salary Budget | This page will display information simply relating to the budget versus actual for a reporting month. Again, depending on your NINA access, you will either be able to view monthly budgets for all Faculty/Divisions or simply that for which you are responsible.  |
| Professional Staff    | Clicking on this tab enables users with full access to view all Professional staff data, including a summarised and detailed table of information. Users are able to use the Filters available to drill down to different Faculties/Divisions and Schools/Units for Professional staff.  If a user only has access to the Faculty/Division for which they are responsible, |
|                       | only this information will be displayed, and no other Faculty or Division option will be available from the filtered list.   |
| Academic Staff        | Clicking on this tab enables users with full access to view all Academic staff data, including a summarised and detailed table of information. Users are able to use the Filters available to drill down to different Faculties/Divisions and Schools/Units for Academic staff.  |
|                       | If a user only has access to the Faculty/Division for which they are responsible, only this information will be displayed, and no other Faculty or Division option will be available from the filtered list.   |

#### 3.1.6 Filtering Data

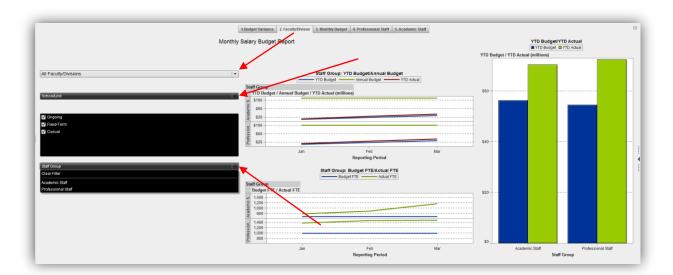
The drop-down menus that appear down the left of the report pane allow you to filter your data.

Once a different filter is chosen, all graphs and table information in that reporting pane will change in line with the selection. You will need to select filters in each of the reporting panes, as the filters do not transfer across into other tabs displayed.





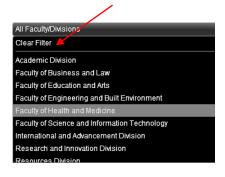
In the example below, there are filter options for Faculty/Divisions, School/Unit and Staff Group (ie. Professional/Academic). On other tabs there will also be filters for the reporting months, enabling you to view previous months of reporting data.

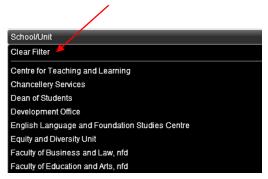


To find your selection in a long drop-down list (eg. a list of School/Units) select the drop down and type the first letter of the item for which you are searching. This will take you to the first occurrence of that letter in the list and allow you to find your selection faster.



If the information displayed is not what you are expecting, it is often due to the selection of an incorrect filter. To clear a filter, select *Clear Filter* from the top of the related drop-down menu.





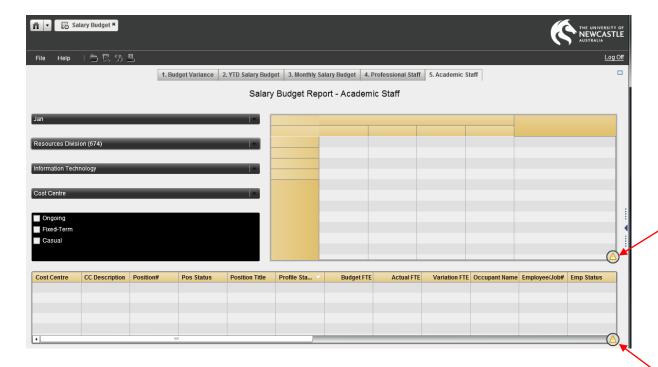
#### 3.1.7 No Data Available

When using the various filters, there may be times when your selection will result in no rows of

information being returned, or a filter containing no data. The exclamation (!) icon will appear in the bottom corner of the table or filter when this occurs.







#### 3.1.8 Refresh Report Data

At any time, you can refresh reporting data to include the latest changes, or clear all filters. This is done by selecting *File > Refresh Report*, or by clicking on the Refresh Report icon on the toolbar. Your reports are then automatically updated with the refreshed data and all filters will be cleared.

#### 3.1.9 **Position Status Display**

You can also view your graphs and tables of information in line with the position status, including Ongoing, Fixed-Term and Casual staff. By default, all position status data will be displayed.

You can narrow the search by selecting one or multiple check boxes to either activate or deactivate its option. As an option is turned on or off, the displayed graphs and tables will update accordingly.



#### 3.1.10 Selecting Data

You can select multiple bars in a chart by using the 'Ctrl' button on your keyboard and clicking each



bar **OR** holding down your mouse and clicking and dragging your cursor over the area of interest. This method also works for selecting cells in a table, which will be highlighted dark grey when selected.

This is useful if you require viewing this information in more detail, or exporting simply the selected data.

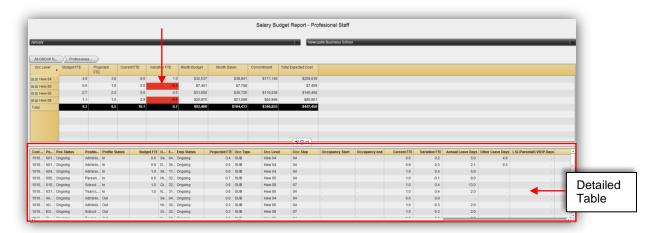


#### 3.1.11 **Negative Values**

Any negative variances in a table will be depicted in red with either a minus sign (-) for FTE values or brackets around dollar amounts, as seen below.



To drill down to certain information, click on the cell required (or select multiple cells by using the 'Ctrl' key and clicking on the cells required), which will then display this selection in the detailed table area.

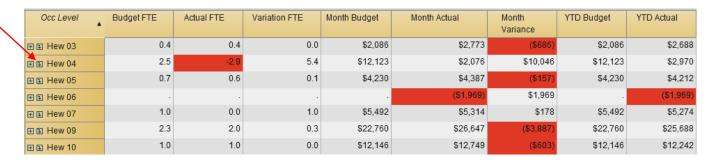


To clear a selection in a chart, table or button, use 'Ctrl' and Click.

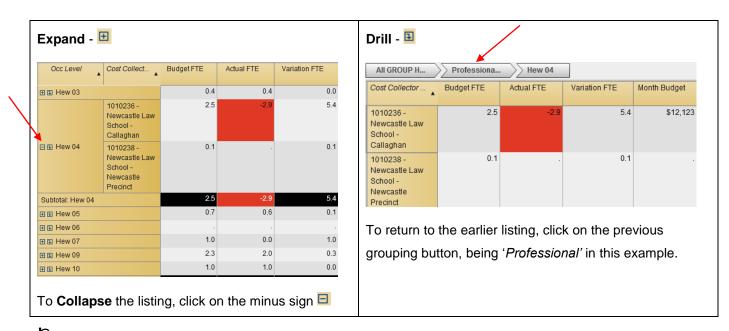
#### 3.1.12 Expand/Collapse Data

In tables with an established hierarchy (ie. you will see a plus sign and an arrow, as in the example below) you can drill through the data to see information at a specific level.

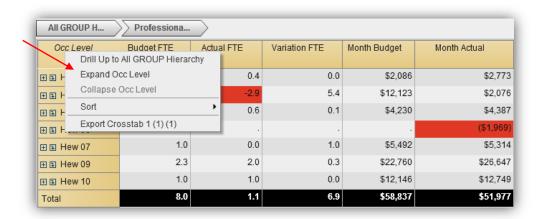
Clicking on the plus sign to the left of an Occupancy Level will expand the view to list all Cost Collectors associated with this level, while using the arrow will drill down to display only that level data.





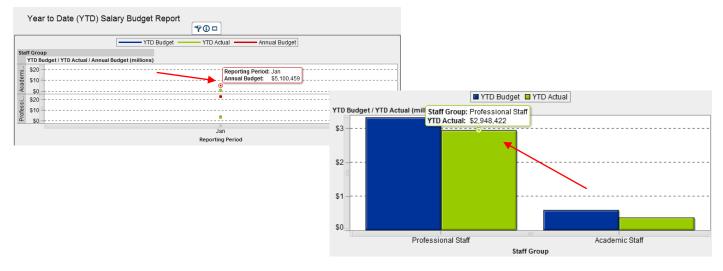


Expand or collapse all by right clicking on the column header required, then selecting the relevant *Expand* or *Collapse* option from the menu.



#### 3.1.13 Displaying Chart Values

To display the value associated with a particular data series in a chart, simply hover over the area you require displayed (as seen in the example charts below).

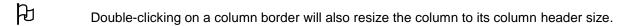




#### 3.1.14 Resizing Table Columns

You can resize a column in a table by simply hovering over the column header border, then clicking and dragging to size. A double-headed arrow will appear when hovered over the border (as seen below).

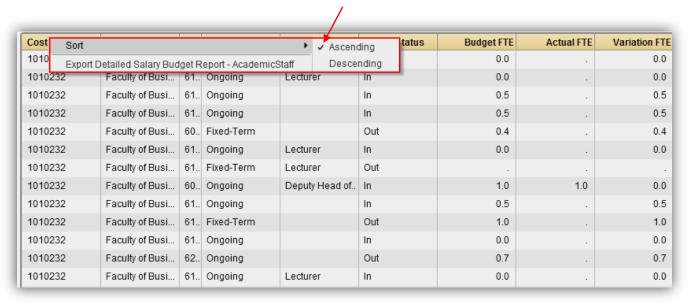




#### 3.1.15 Sorting Data

Sorting of data in the tables is available by clicking on any of the column headers, which will sort the table information by that column in ascending order (*which will show an up-pointing white arrow* ). Click the column header again to sort in descending order, depicted by the down-pointing arrow ...

You can also right-click on any column and select *Sort*, then click on either the *Ascending* or *Descending* option. A tick beside an option depicts its current selection, as seen here with the tick beside the 'Ascending' option for the Cost Centre column.





#### 3.1.16 Maximising Graphs

All charts and tables can be maximised by simply clicking on the required object and then clicking on the box shape (*ie. Maximize button*) in the information tab that appears above the object.



To return an object to its original size, click on the double box shape (ie. Restore button) in the information tab.



# 4 Exporting Data

The new NINA application facilitates exportation of all your Faculty/Division Salary Budget data into an Excel spreadsheet, where further reports can then be generated.

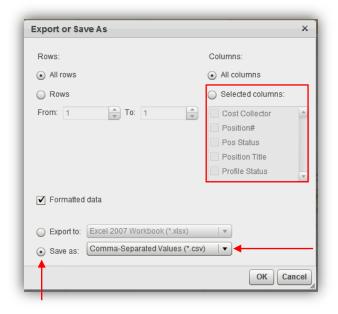
This will be particularly useful for senior leaders to view the detail behind any variances found in the reports. An option is to click on any negative value in a summarised table, and then export the detailed table list that appears below.

Data can be exported from individual report objects by right clicking on the object and then selecting 'Export <object name>' where <object name> is the name of the graph or table you wish to export. In this example exporting the detailed table listing shows as 'Export Detailed Salary Budget – Professional Staff'.





Selecting the Export option will open a dialog box containing export options (as seen below).



Various columns can be selected by using the 'Selected columns' option, then clicking the columns required from the listing below.

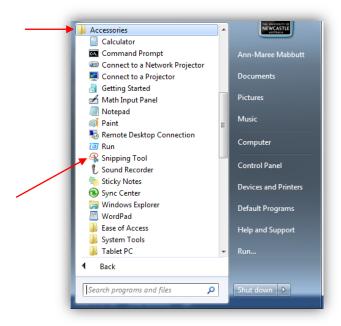
By default, *All columns* will be exported.

It is recommended to select the 'Save as' option and 'Comma-Separated Values (\*.csv)' from the drop-down list to ensure that a saved version exists. Exporting in an Excel format is also workable, but remember to save any additional formatting made to the export file.

### 4.1 Capturing Screen Shots

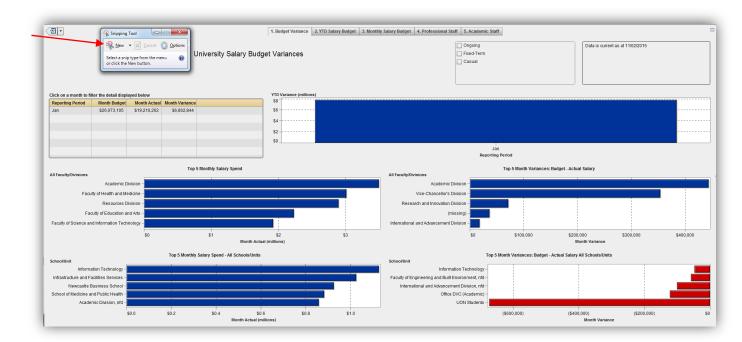
The best method for capturing screen images, such as the graphs and Faculty/Division and School/Unit screen shots, is by using the Windows 7 Snipping Tool. This will enable you to save graphs to a document for distribution to the various Senior Leaders, if required.

This can be accessed by selecting the Start menu > All Programs > Accessories > Snipping Tool.





Once activated, you will notice the 'New' box is selected and a plus sign will appear when you hover over the screen. Click and drag over the area you want to capture, and a red box will appear around your selection. Release the mouse when you have the area you require and the captured image will appear in the Snipping Tool work area. Simply use *Edit* > *Copy* (Ctrl + C) and then Paste (Ctrl + V) functionality in the file requiring the capture.



# 5 Field Glossary

In the cross-tab and detailed table of information for Professional Staff and Academic Staff tabs, the following defines the fields displayed.

| Report Label   | Definition   |
|----------------|--|
| Cost Centre    | The seven (7) digit cost collector code used for reporting financial costs for organisation units or projects.   |
| CC Description | Short description of the cost centre.  |
| Position#      | The position number for the current record displayed.  |
| Pos Status     | Position status for the position displayed, ie. Fixed-Term, Ongoing or Casual staff.   |
| Position Title | Displays the position title description, which aligns with the position number displayed.  |
| Profile Status | The Profile Status is recorded on the position record to indicate if the Position is in or not in the Operating Budget. Values will be either "In" or "Out". |



| Report Label   | Definition  |  |
|----------------|---|--|
| Budget FTE     | The approved full-year Operating funded Full-time Equivalent (FTE) value.   |  |
| Actual FTE     | FTE value applicable to staff members for the reporting month. FTE is reduced proportionally when staff members are on Long Service Leave, Parental or Leave Without Pay for any period within the month, or where a staff member commences or ceases employment within the month.  |  |
| Variation FTE  | Budget FTE value minus the Actual FTE value for the reporting period.   |  |
| Month Budget   | The approved Budget amount for the month including salary oncosts. The budget value is proportioned over 12 months based on the number of working days in each month.   |  |
| Month Actual   | Displays the value of salary and oncosts charged to the cost centre for the reporting month. Salary expenses are for the number of working days within the month. Actuals will vary where:  • Salary expenses related to prior periods where cost centre changes have been performed.  • Additional expenses related to Enterprise Agreement salary increases.  • Backdated salary rate changes applicable to individual staff, such as HDA or part-time working arrangements.  • A staff member commences or ceases employment within the month. |  |
| Month Variance | Month Budget amount minus Month Actual amount.  |  |
| Occupant Name  | Surname and Preferred Name of the staff member.   |  |
| Employee/Job#  | Staff member's unique Staff number and their Job number for the current Job reported.   |  |
| Emp Status     | Employment status of the staff member, which can be:  Ongoing – Ongoing appointment.  Fixed-Term – Fixed-term contract.  Casual – Casual employment.  Agency staff and external contractors are not included on the report.   |  |
| Осс Туре       | Type of Occupancy the employee is on during the period reported.  SUB – Substantive role.  CON – Concurrent. Temporary arrangement that overrides the Substantive role, such as a secondment or reduction in working hours.  HDA - Higher Duties Allowance or Relieving Allowance.  VAC - Vacant. No staff member against that position for the period.   |  |
| Occ Level      | Academic or HEW salary level assigned to the staff member as per the Enterprise Agreement. Staff on salary rates higher than standard Academic or HEW level will display as HEW10+ or Level E+.   |  |
| Occ Step       | Salary Step that the staff member is on within the salary level.  |  |



| Report Label              | Definition  |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Occupancy Start           | The start date of the staff member if commencing in the current year.   |  |
| Occupancy End             | The end date of the staff member if ceasing in the current year.  |  |
| Current FTE               | Current Position fraction for the reporting period.   |  |
| Annual Leave Days         | Number of days of Annual Leave taken (and paid) since the start of January in the Calendar year. The FTE will remain unchanged.   |  |
| Other Leave Days          | Number of days of Other Leave days taken (and paid) since the start of January in the Calendar year. The FTE will remain unchanged. Leave types included are:  Personal Paid Study Jury Duty Sick Examination Roster Day Workers Compensation     |  |
| LSL/Parental/LWOP<br>Days | This is the number of days of Long Service Leave/Parental/Leave Without Pay Leave taken (and paid) since the start of January in the Calendar year. The FTE will reduce proportionally by the amount of days taken during the reporting period/s. |  |
| YTD Budget                | The approved Budget amount for the months up to the reporting period month for the reporting year (calendar year). Salary oncosts are included.   |  |
| YTD Actual                | This is the YTD value for all months in the reporting year up to the reported month. eg. the April YTD sums salary expenses for January to April.   |  |
| YTD Variance              | YTD Budget minus YTD Actual   |  |
| Fac/Div                   | Faculty or Division Name Short Description, eg. FEBE for Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment. For use when data is exported.   |  |
| Schl/Unit                 | School or Unit Name Short Description, eg. SENG for School of Engineering. For use when data is exported.   |  |
| Reporting Period          | Month of reporting period. For use when data is exported.   |  |

# 6 HELP

Help, FAQs and user guides can be found as links on the NINA HR reporting page and also on the NINA help webpage.

For additional information on the Staff Profile Management and Reporting project and FAQs see <u>here</u> Or contact your HR Business Partner and/or Financial Operative directly.