

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

REDUNDANCIES

Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future?

Answer

There have been 20 voluntary redundancies in the department since the Machinery of Government (MoG) change on 3 December 2007. Three of these related to offers initiated in the former Department of Employment and Workplace Relations before the MoG change. The majority of these voluntary redundancies were offered to staff as part of a realignment of the department's top level structure following the MoG change. Redundancies are used from time to time where appropriate.