

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Department of Human Services

**Topic:** CRS Australia

**Question reference number:** HS 44

**Senator:** Senator Cameron

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#### **Question:**

The 2013-14 Annual Report at page 104 states that CRS Australia will conclude operations by 2 March 2015.

- a) What consultation has DHS had with affected staff?
- b) What consultation has occurred with unions representing affected staff?
- c) How many staff will lose their jobs?
- d) Provide details of support measures for staff facing unemployment?
- e) Is there any change to the concluding date of 2 March 2015?
- f) How many staff have been redeployed within DHS? To other agencies?
- g) How many remain to be redeployed?
- h) How many have any been offered voluntary redundancy? Compulsory redundancy?

#### **Answer:**

- a) Staff have been consulted through several communication channels at both local and national level.
- b) Regular consultation with the Community and Public Sector Union has occurred, and is ongoing.
- c) The department is committed to redeploying all ongoing staff to positions either within the department or across the broader portfolio. The department is also currently working with other Commonwealth agencies to negotiate external placements for staff.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) No.
- f) As at 24 October 2014, 437 staff have been redeployed to other parts of DHS and 44 staff have been redeployed to other agencies.
- g) As at 24 October 2014, 633 staff remain to be redeployed.
- h) No staff have been offered voluntary or compulsory redundancies.