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Senator Xenophon asked:

Can you take on notice what the redundancies are likely to cost and whether there has been consideration given to the matters raised by Senator Williams—you might be offering someone a position in a capital city but it would be impossible for them to take it, and what feedback you have had from your staff in respect of that.

Answer:

Based on consultation with staff, there is estimated to be a very low uptake of voluntary redundancies. These are estimated to cost \$1.2 million over the 5 year automation program. This estimate is based on an assessment of likely voluntary redundancies and the calculated costs for these positions.

Consideration has been and will continue to be given to the impact on staff throughout the transition to automated observations. Feedback from staff with respect to housing costs has varied, which reflects individual personal circumstances.