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Senator Singh asked:

Senator SINGH: I just said that if I was incorrect in stating that, I will correct myself. Dr Gales, if there were not 20 scientists who lost their jobs, how many were there?

Dr Gales: I might have to take that question on notice. About a quarter of them were science technical support people, but I would need to check the exact numbers. It is a fairly blurry line between someone who sits and works alongside the scientists in a technical capacity and the scientists themselves but, formally, of the scientists within the research stream, I would have to double check that figure for you. I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer:

The breakdown of Science staff that elected to take a voluntary redundancy is as follows:

Research Scientists - seven

Technical Roles – 13 which includes data management, research assistants (analytical and organisational support), and science technical support (engineering, laboratory technicians etc)