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Question

Public Service Commissioner

Senator KIM CARR: Is there any role for the Public Service Commissioner in these redundancies? Ms Paul: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: What role is that? Ms Paul: After we have offered and so on, I write to the Public Service Commissioner seeking agreement to offer the voluntary redundancies. Senator KIM CARR: Have there been any applications refused by the Public Service Commissioner? Ms Paul: On this round we have not written yet. In the past, in my former department, I don't think so, although I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Ms Paul's reference to the Public Service Commissioner related to the incentive to retire arrangements for SES employees which require Agency Heads to seek approval from the Australian Public Service Commissioner. At 31 May 2014, the Commissioner had not refused any such applications.

Non-SES voluntary redundancy arrangements do not require the Commissioner's approval as these are managed by the department consistent with the provisions of the relevant Enterprise Agreement.