

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000290

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 42

ACARA: Staffing - redundancies

Question

Senator O'NEILL: I will go to some more detailed matters regarding redundancies, forced and voluntary.

Mr Randall: Yes.

Senator O'NEILL: For 2014-15 and a comparison with 2013-14?

Mr Randall: Yes.

Senator O'NEILL: Thank you. Let us get the 2013-14 numbers on the record. Voluntary redundancies?

Mr Randall: None. Let me get the years correct. For 2013-14?

Senator O'NEILL: Yes.

Mr Randall: For 2013-14, none voluntary and five forced.

Senator O'NEILL: And what were those forced redundancies? Are they in different parts of the organisation?

Mr Randall: I do not have that detail in front of me. I have the most recent ones in front of me. I will go back to the 2013-14 year. There were probably some communications ones, where we changed our communications team, and I think maybe a couple of HR ones, where we changed the profile there. If you want the detail, rather than me just leaving it at my impression

Senator O'NEILL: Thank you. You can take that on notice. That is great. Thank you for the indication. I

appreciate that too.

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response:

All redundancies have been due to restructures arising from the reprioritising of work commitments as required by the Education Council and/or the need to increase efficiency and effectiveness in operational activities.

2013-14 Redundancies

Business Unit	Involuntary Redundancies	Voluntary Redundancies
Assessment & Reporting	0	0
Corporate Services (HR)	2	0
Communications & Strategic Relations	3	0
Curriculum	0	0

2014-15 Redundancies

Business Unit	Involuntary Redundancies	Voluntary Redundancies
Assessment & Reporting	3	0
Communications & Strategic Relations	2	0
Corporate Services (HR/Reception)	1	0
Corporate Services (ICT)	7	0
Curriculum	1	0
Office of the CEO	1	0