

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000295

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 44

ACARA: Redundancy payments

Question

Senator O'NEILL: So in terms of the people who have been made redundant, were there any additional payments made?

Mr Randall: Yes. As per our enterprise agreement, yes.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you give me a bit of a ballpark number?

Mr Randall: No. I actually do not have that.

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Senator O'NEILL: In terms of the level of payment of the executive staff who are retained and the level of payment of the 16 people who have left, in terms of pay scale, is it lower paid positions that have been made redundant?

Mr Randall: I went through a manager position. Again, they are in our language that I am using. There are a couple of managers in there. It is across the profile.

Senator O'NEILL: So if you split the 16 up for me, how many are at that senior level? Mr

Randall: I will take the 10, because I do not have the six here, just to illustrate it. Senator

O'NEILL: The ICT people carved out, yes.

Mr Randall: In our language—I will see if I can keep track of this—two are at a manager level. Then the next level for us is our senior policy or senior project officer. I have three managers, three SPOs and then four admin support officers. I think that is roughly it—three managers, three SPOs and four support officers.

Senator O'NEILL: If you can provide that in some detail, that would be helpful.

Answer

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

1. No additional payments were made to people made redundant in 2014/15. All payments were as per the ACARA Enterprise Agreement 2012-2016.
2. Refer to the table below. Number of people redundant per Classification.

Classification	Number
Management (M)	3
Professional (P)	6
Associate (A)	6

Note: since the Senate Committee, one person whose position was to be redundant has since secured an alternative position within ACARA. Therefore total redundancies for 2014/15 is 15 (not 16).