

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

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**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000083**

**Senator Cameron asked on 01 June 2015 on proof Hansard page 6**

#### **Question**

##### **Bargaining - allocation of time**

Senator CAMERON: What is your allocation of your management team to the bargaining process? Who is on that?

Ms Rundle: The people who are closely involved are my branch head, Mr Ben Wyers, and he has three others in the team that predominantly work on bargaining at the moment. They also do work on other things, though. It is not the only thing they do. Also, I obviously support and oversight the process.

Senator CAMERON: How much of their time are they spending on this?

Ms Rundle: I would have to check. I am not even sure if I could quantify it exactly. But it is quite a lot of time. Maybe I could just check that in the break and come back to you.

#### **Answer**

Four Departmental employees are progressing the bargaining process. The proportion of time spent by each of those employees on bargaining varies with the two more senior employees balancing bargaining with other responsibilities, and the other two employees focusing almost entirely on bargaining.