

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Redundancies

Senator CAMERON: Have there been any redundancies, forced or otherwise, since last estimates?

Ms Leon: No. There certainly have not been any forced ones and there has not been any large-scale redundancy offer in the department. But there may have been one or two people who took redundancy due to particular work circumstances. We will take it on notice as to whether that was since last estimates or not. As you might recall, we did do redundancies last year, but we have not had another whole-of-department redundancy process since then.

Senator CAMERON: Did you provide the cost of last year's redundancies to us?

Ms Leon: Yes, we did.

Senator CAMERON: Could you also then just update—if the redundancies that you've spoken about are? You are not sure about that, and I accept that—I am not critical there.

Ms Leon: If there have been any since last estimates, I will take on notice—

Senator CAMERON: Any costs.

Ms Leon: both the number and the cost.

Answer

Two employees in the Department accepted voluntary redundancies between 26 February 2015 and 31 May 2015. The gross severance payments for the two redundancies totaled \$333,167.04.