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Question

Timing of unfilled SES positions

Ms Kidd: There are six senior executive positions unfilled at the moment. Two are at the SES band 2 level: one is Group Manager, Workplace Relations Programs and the other is Group Manager, Labor Market Strategy. We also have of four positions at SES band 1 level vacant at the moment. They are: Branch Manager, Youth Employment; Branch Manager, Online Services Development and Engagement; Branch Manager, Technical Support; and—in the Shared Services Centre—Branch Manager, Transactional Services Senator CAMERON: What is the longest period any one of those senior executive positions has remained unfilled?

Ms Kidd: We would probably have to take the exact timing on notice. It is probably in the order of 18 months.

Answer

The longest period that any of the above senior executive positions remained unfilled was 25 months. The position in question was filled permanently from 28 July 2016 through a recruitment exercise.