Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Agency - Comcare

Department of Employment Question No. EM1450_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Comcare - Staffing reductions

"Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? 1. What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff? 8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position 9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package? 10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?"

Answer

- 1. Refer to Question on Notice EM1098 15.
- 2. Refer to Question on Notice EM1098 15.
- 3. and 4. There are currently no plans for further staff reductions/voluntary reductions.
- 5. There are no plans for involuntary reductions.
- 6. Ongoing separations since 1 June 2014

Classification	Separations
APS-2	2
APS-3	2
APS-4	6
APS-5	8
APS-6	5
EL-1	9
EL-2	8
SES-1	2
CEO	1
Total	43

7. Non-ongoing separations since 1 June 2014

Classification	Separations
APS-2	2
APS-4	5
APS-5	2
APS-6	2
EL-1	3
EL-2	2
Total	16

- 8. Refer to Question on Notice EM1098_15.
- 9. Voluntary redundancy provisions are consistent with the standard APS arrangements.
- 10. Voluntary redundancies are being funded from within existing budgets.