

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 16 March 2015?

How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing?

How many redundancies have occurred in 2014-15 to date? How many were (a) voluntary and (b) involuntary?

**Answer:**

To provide information as at a specific date other than month-end (for which data is readily available), would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. Instead, responses have been provided with information as at 28 February 2015.

As at 28 February 2015, there were 2,186.27 full-time equivalent staff engaged in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Of these:

- (a) 2,066.49 were ongoing; and
- (b) 119.78 were non-ongoing.

These figures exclude inoperative staff, casual employees and secondees.

There have been 151 redundancies in the 2014-15 financial year. Of these:

- (a) 151 were voluntary; and
- (b) nil were involuntary.