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Senator: Peris, Nova

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Question:

Senator PERIS: That is the figure for voluntary redundancies but what is the current level of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment in the department?

Mr Neal: It is 15.1 per cent in the department and that rises significantly in the Indigenous affairs group and in the network, where it is, I think, 34 per cent.

Senator PERIS: Can you break them down by jurisdiction? You can take that on notice if you like.

Mr Neal: Yes, that is quite straightforward. I am told it is 37 per cent for networks, but we will get back to you with more formal figures.

Answer:

As at 29 February 2016, 15 per cent of PM&C employees identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander representation in the PM&C Regional Network is 36 per cent of employees. This is broken down as follows:

New South Wales – 44%

Northern Territory – 35%

Queensland – 45%

South Australia – 25%

Tasmania – 13%

Victoria – 32%

Western Australia – 14%