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Question:

Senator LUNDY: How many people have come off the redeployment register as a result of being terminated?

Mr Sedgwick: I do not have that number with me.

Senator LUNDY: Does anyone have that number?

Mr Livermore: We would have to take that on notice.

Senator LUNDY: Have there been a few or a lot? Can you give me an idea? Has anyone come off it?

Ms Foster: Since November last year we have had 168 people redeployed within the APS. They have come off the register and gone into jobs.

Senator LUNDY: But you cannot tell me the number of people who have gone off the register because they are no longer employed by the Public Service?

Ms Foster: We do not maintain a number like that. We could potentially get it. But people will come off the register for a number of reasons. They can be redeployed as a result of being on the register. They can find another job themselves. They can leave the Public Service voluntarily. So it would be very difficult to find the reason why people no longer wish to be on the register, and it is voluntary for them to be on the register.

Mr Sedgwick: There are times when, in consulting the register to see if there is somebody who can be put in a job, an agency will identify somebody who is prospective and when they ring them up they discover they already have a job. The point being that we are really reliant on the individual to keep that up to date. So it may not be easy to get the data you are looking for.

Senator LUNDY: If you could take that on notice.

Mr Sedgwick: Yes.

Answer:

As at 26 May 2014, 336 people have come off the APS Redeployment Register because they are no longer employed by the APS. The APS Redeployment Register data cannot be disaggregated therefore the 336 includes resignations, retirements and if any terminations.