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Senator: Lundy

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Question:

Senator LUNDY: If you could also provide me with the numbers of the full-time equivalents for each agency at this point in time, that would be appreciated.

Mr Sedgwick: We do not necessarily have that data for each agency. We have it for some, but we do not necessarily have it for each of them. It is unpublished data and it is part of that report we provide to the minister. So we will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Australian Public Service Commission collects full-time equivalent data at the agency level; however, the information is incomplete. Additionally, the data has not been subjected to the full range of quality assurance and verification checks, and as such has the potential to be misleading if published in a highly disaggregated form.