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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: Thank you. In the second part of the table in the answer we were finding how many employees left the department voluntarily, via natural attrition. Have you got that split as well?

Mr Neal: Can I take that on notice? I should be able to get that back to you this morning.

Senator McLUCAS: Certainly—thank you very much. I also want to know how many staff were lost from each of the various sections of the department. How many went from the PM&C regional network, the constitutional recognition task force et cetera? Have you got that level of detail with you?

Mr Neal: Not that level of detail, no.

Senator McLUCAS: Could you take that on notice?

Mr Neal: Yes.

Senator McLUCAS: I want to know how many went from the various sections of the group.

Ms Carroll: We could definitely provide it by state or location—Canberra versus New South Wales et cetera—on notice. The problem with doing it by group is that in August we had a restructure, so the staff who are now in particular divisions will not necessarily have been in those divisions previously. Because of that restructure, there will not be a direct translation, but we could certainly give you the information on Canberra versus New South Wales versus other state or territory offices.

Senator McLUCAS: Fair enough. If you could take that on notice, that would be good—by state or territory or by location.

Ms Carroll: By location?

Senator McLUCAS: Actually, yes, do it by location. Rather than Queensland, let's do Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, wherever.

Ms Carroll: We will do as much breakdown as we can.

Senator McLUCAS: Thank you—without identifying people.

Ms Carroll: Yes.

Answer:

Natural Attrition by state or territory location as at 30 September 2014:

State	Number
Australian Capital Territory	17
New South Wales	5
Northern Territory	11
Queensland	4
Victoria	1
Western Australia	5
Total	43

Natural Attrition by division in the Indigenous Affairs Group at 30 September 2014:

Division	Number
Community Safety & Policy	2
Housing, Land & Community Capability	2
Jobs and the Economy	9
NSW & ACT State Office	4
NT State Office	9
PM&C Regional Network	5
Programme Implementation Taskforce	2
Queensland State Office	2
Schools, Information & Evaluation	4
WA State Office	4
Total	43