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Question:

With reference to the department's annual report in which Mr Thawley says "Our senior executives are also encouraged to take up private-sector secondments to improve their exposure to different ways of doing things":

How are these secondments organised, and how do they work.

Can a full list of secondments taken up since Mr Thawley's appointment be provided, including the name of the firm, and the terms and duration of the seconded.

Answer:

The initiative for senior executives to take up private-sector secondments is a relatively new idea and as such no secondments have formally commenced. The Department is working closely with the Australian Public Service Commission and the Business Council of Australia to establish secondments likely to commence in 2016. The terms and duration will vary according to the particular secondment arrangements.