

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S
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Question No. SBE14/186

Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 20 November 2014:

1. What is the estimated cost of relocating Australian Emergency Management Institute staff to Canberra, making redundancy payments, and/or covering redeployment expenses?
2. How will the Institute function as a virtual centre?
3. What is the value of the land and property associated with the AEMI in its former location?
4. What does the government intend to do with the property and land, including the community assets at the golf course?
5. What consultation has occurred with the local community about future use of the site?
6. Has the Government considered disposing of the land and property to state and/or local Government? If so, for what purpose?
7. How will management training be delivered to the CFA following the closure of the AEMI?
8. Will closure of the AEMI impact on bushfire preparedness in Victoria? Has the Government conducted any review or analysis on this point?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. As at 30 November 2014 the department has expensed \$0.011m for redeployment and relocation expenses and \$0.143m in voluntary redundancy payments. It is anticipated that the department will spend a further \$0.121m for redeployment and relocation expenses and \$0.809m for voluntary redundancy payments in finalising the transition of the Australian Emergency Management Institute to Canberra. Payments and expenses are in accordance with the provisions of the Attorney-General's Department Enterprise Agreement.
2. We anticipate that some courses will be delivered through blended learning options including online content. However, the details of these are still being settled in the course of the Institute's transition to the new model.
3. This is a matter for the Department of Finance.
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7. We are committed to continuing to support our students, including those from the CFA. In honouring its commitment to currently enrolled students, the Institute is putting in place appropriate

arrangements for students that have indicated their intention to complete their studies in the Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management).

8. The Institute does not provide any specific operational capability in relation to bushfire preparedness to the local community. Rather it builds national capability, including for Victoria through its services and products.