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QUESTION No.: AI-81

With respect to the top five worst performing agencies in the Australian Public Service in relation to unscheduled absences, the State of the Service Report 2011-12 states: "Three of these five agencies had very high proportions of compensation leave which, in an agency with few employees, can be heavily influenced by one or two individuals on an extended return to work program". Is this the case for the Australian Research Council?

ANSWER

Yes.