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Question

Number of staff in higher education

Senator KIM CARR: What is the number of staff in higher education at the moment?
Ms Paul: Didn't we answer that on notice for you, Senator? Senator KIM CARR: We have got an answer on notice here but there has been no reduction, it says. Ms Paul: I thought we had several for you and— Senator KIM CARR: Well, that is the one I have in front of me. It says: no reduction. Ms Paul: All right, let's see if we can find the correct number. Mr Storen: The number of people transferred over from the Department of Industry for the tertiary function, which is the higher education and research areas, was 405. Ms Paul: I knew it was about 400. Senator KIM CARR: And has that remained consistent since that time? Ms Paul: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: There has been no reduction in that number? Mr Storen: We would have to double check that for you, Senator. If there is any reduction, it would be very small numbers.

Answer

As at 28 February 2014 there were 430 staff employed by the Higher Education, Research and International Cluster. The numbers provided are based on best available information as at 28 February 2014.