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Senator: Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: I want to go to some staffing issues in the office of the former Prime Minister Julia Gillard. What was the total length of employment for Ms Gillard's media adviser, Mr John McTernan?

Ms Moy: I do not have that information with me, but I can take it on notice.

Senator SMITH: My understanding is that he was here on a 457 visa class. Is that accurate?

Ms Moy: I do recall there was an FOI with regard to that, but, to be accurate, I would need to take it on notice.

Senator SMITH: More generally, then, in the 457 visa class, would he have been entitled to a redundancy?

Ms Moy: Again, I would need to take it on notice and look at his contract.

Answer:

Mr John McTernan was employed for a period of 21 months.

Finance does not hold records in regard to the visa status of MOP(S) Act employees.

The *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2012 – 2015*, which specifies eligibility for severance entitlements, does not take visa status into account.