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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

CHAIR: How many Labor staff received payouts that recognise their prior service in a state parliament?

Ms Pitson: We will have to take that on notice.

Senator Wong interjecting—

Ms Pitson: Yes, Senator Wong.

CHAIR: How many staff received payouts as a result of the last change of the prime ministership before the election—the change from Ms Gillard to Mr Rudd?

Ms Pitson: We will have to take that on notice.

CHAIR: How many of the staff who received a payout as a result of that spill are now working within the system again?

Ms Pitson: We will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

- 1) Four *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) employees employed by the former government had prior service with State Parliamentarians recognised for severance purposes at their termination post 7 September 2013.
- 2) 82 MOP(S) Act employees received severance payments following the change in Prime Minister on 26 June 2013.
- 3) Six MOP(S) Act employees terminated as a result of the change in Prime Minister in June 2013 are current MOP(S) Act employees as at 25 February 2014.