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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Lundy

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Question:

Senator LUNDY: It is unverified. How many voluntary redundancies are being offered at the moment or have been offered to staff who are over the age of 50?

Mr Sedgwick: I doubt that we have that data, to be honest. We can give you a sense, as we did last time, of the numbers of VRs that we understand to be extant, but I doubt very much that we can differentiate by age.

Senator LUNDY: Could you take it on notice and provide what information you can broken down by age.

Senator Abetz: It might be easier to put it on notice to each agency and department. They might have that data more readily available.

Mr Sedgwick: That is probably right, actually.

Senator LUNDY: How many section 37 redundancies have been approved?

Mr Sedgwick: I would have to get that data for you.

Answer:

The Australian Public Service Commission does not collect information on the number of retrenchments planned or offered to staff by age, including for staff aged over 50.

The Australian Public Service Commissioner has agreed to 72 section 37 incentive to retire payments proposed by departments and agencies over the period 18 September 2013 to 19 March 2014.

The overall cost of these retirements was \$10,243,971.