Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Redundancies

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Senator: Bilyk

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Question:

a) How many staff were made redundant in calendar year 2016?

- b) How many were voluntary redundancies?
- c) How many were forced redundancies?
- d) What was the total cost of all redundancies (expressed as a single global figure)?
- e) Have any staff made redundant in calendar year 2016 subsequently carried out work for the Department as a contractor? If so, please provide an itemised list of relevant contracts and related Austender Contract Notice numbers.

Answer:

- a) 240 staff were made redundant under the *Department of Human Services Agreement* 2011-14 in the 2016 calendar year.
- b) All redundancies were voluntary.
- c) There were no involuntary redundancies.
- d) The total cost of these redundancies in the 2016 calendar year was \$16,700,361.
- e) The preparation of an answer to this question would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.