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Question No: 82

Australian Film Television and Radio School

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Topic: Legal/employment issues

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

1. In the years from 2008 to 2015 how many former staff have taken legal action or lodged claims for compensation against AFTRS following their departure from the institution?
2. Was 'unfair dismissal' the common legal term associated with each of such claims?
3. How many cases were settled privately?
4. How many cases were the subject of court proceedings?
5. In how many cases was a settlement made which involved a payment by AFTRS to the individuals involved?
6. List all such payouts individually, and what was the total sum of any such payouts? What legal fees were incurred in relation to each case?
7. How much money was spent on recruiting replacements for people who left AFTRS in such circumstances?

Answer:

1. One.
2. No.
3. One.
4. Nil.
5. Nil.
6. Not applicable.
7. \$6389.