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Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Williams asked:**

1. Where a staff member wishes to accept an offer to re-locate to a capital city hub from a regional area, are they compensated for incurred relocation expenses?
2. If so, are they compensated for the full amount or is there a cap on those expenses?
3. How much time is allowed for a staff member to relocate?

**Answer:**

1. Yes.
2. Compensation for relocation expenses will be consistent with the provisions in the Bureau's current Enterprise Agreement which includes provision for the Agency Head to approve reasonable costs associated with the relocation of eligible employees. There is no explicit cap on relocation expenses.
3. A minimum notice period of six months will be provided for any staff member who is to relocate, however this is subject to negotiation based on individual circumstances and site requirements.