

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 158  
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**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - REDUNDANCIES  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How many positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?
  - a) How many of these positions were ongoing?
  - b) How many of these positions were non-ongoing?
  - c) How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?
  - a) How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?
  - a) How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?
  - a) How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?
  - a) How many of these employees were ongoing?
  - b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  - c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?

**Answer:**

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1.

<b>Number of positions made redundant since the 2013 federal election</b>			
Department/agency	Ongoing positions	Non-ongoing positions	Positions located in the ACT
Department of the Environment <sup>1</sup>	151	0	123
Bureau of Meteorology	2	0	0
Clean Energy Regulator	7	0	7
Climate Change Authority	0	0	0
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	1	0	0
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	5	0	5
National Water Commission	0	0	0
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	1	0	0

2.

<b>Number of employees filling these positions who were redeployed since the 2013 federal election</b>			
Department/agency	Ongoing employees	Non-ongoing employees	Employees located in the ACT
Department of the Environment <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0
Bureau of Meteorology	0 <sup>2</sup>	0	0
Clean Energy Regulator	2	0	2
Climate Change Authority	0	0	0
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	0	0	0
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	0	0	0
National Water Commission	0	0	0
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	0	0	0

3.

<b>Number of these employees who were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election</b>			
Department/agency	Ongoing employees	Non-ongoing employees	Employees located in the ACT
Department of the Environment <sup>1</sup>	151	0	123
Bureau of Meteorology	2	0	0
Clean Energy Regulator	7	0	7
Climate Change Authority	0	0	0
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	0	0	0
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	5	0	5
National Water Commission	0	0	0
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	1	0	0

4.

<b>Number of these employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election</b>			
Department/agency	Ongoing employees	Non-ongoing employees	Employees located in the ACT
Department of the Environment <sup>1</sup>	151	0	123
Bureau of Meteorology	1	0	0
Clean Energy Regulator	5	0	5
Climate Change Authority	0	0	0
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	1	0	1
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	5	0	5
National Water Commission	0	0	0
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	1	0	0

5.

<b>Number of these employees who were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election</b>			
Department/agency	Ongoing employees	Non-ongoing employees	Employees located in the ACT
Department of the Environment <sup>1</sup>	151	0	123
Bureau of Meteorology	2	0	0
Clean Energy Regulator	7	0	7
Climate Change Authority	0	0	0
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	1	0	0
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	5	0	5
National Water Commission	0	0	0
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Includes information for the Director of National Parks. Reporting period for the Department is from 31 August 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Neither of the two employees affected were successfully redeployed. One employee opted to seek redeployment during the retention period, but ultimately requested to have their employment terminated before the end of the retention period and without redeployment occurring.