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Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: In May you advised that the department was moving to the third round of voluntary redundancies and was seeking an extra 250 volunteers. I recall that the final exit date for these staff was around mid-July.

Dr de Brouwer: It can extend through 2014. I think the round closed around mid-July.

Senator URQUHART: Can you tell us how this has progressed and how many redundancies have been confirmed? Is that the 177?

Ms Wiley-Smith: Certainly. We have had a further 131 employees depart this financial year from that round. That is as of 30 September. There is also another 66 that are scheduled to depart before the end of this financial year. So 131 that have already departed and a further 66 to depart.

Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide a list of what positions and at what levels each of those redundancies were?

Ms Wiley-Smith: We can certainly take that on notice. I do not have that information at the moment.

Answer:

Nominal Classification	2013-2014	2014-15 (as at 30 September 2014)
APS 1	3	0
APS 2	3	0
APS 3	2	4
APS 4	11	11
APS 5	26	17
APS 6	45	32
EL 1	54	42
EL 2	26	23
SES 1	3	1
SES 2	4	1
Total	177	131

Classification levels of the 66 employees expected to depart by the end of the 2014-15 financial year will not be available until formal redundancy offers have been made and accepted by those employees.