



Australian Government  
Department of the Environment

Senator Linda Reynolds SCS  
Chair  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Reynolds

On 19 October 2015, I appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing Senator Urquhart asked (Page 4 Proof Hansard)

*"Have there been any voluntary redundancies since May?"*

In response I said

*".....Last time at estimates I mentioned that we had had 381 voluntary redundancies since July 2013. I can report that we have now had 414 staff who have accepted voluntary redundancies. That is 177 employees separated in 2013-14. We had 2,010 employees separate between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015..."*

I wish to correct this answer. We had 210 employees separate between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015. The remainder of my answer to the question, given at the Hearing, is correct.

I apologise for the error in my answer and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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