

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: 3/3.1

Topic: Payouts for MOP(S) staff – December 2014 Cabinet reshuffle

Senator: Ludwig

Question reference number: F60

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 10 April 2015

Number of pages: 1

Question:

With reference to staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* whose employment was terminated as a result of the December 2014 Cabinet reshuffle, please provide a table showing the number of staff terminated from each ministerial office. Please include:

1. The total cost of redundancies per office.
2. Number of voluntary and involuntary redundancies.
3. What was the total cost of termination payouts to this group of staff?

Answer:

As at 24 February 2015:

1. A total of \$578,589.83 was paid in severance benefits. Due to the very small numbers in each office and the possibility of individuals being identified, it would not be appropriate to provide this data in more detail.
2. 15 staff were paid a severance benefit as a result of the reshuffle.
3. See answer 1.