

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: Of those 62 people who applied but we are not granted a voluntary redundancy, how many of those have left the organisation?

Mr Neal: I will have to take that on notice. I am not sure. We could probably get that information for you reasonably quickly though.

Senator McLUCAS: Thank you.

Ms Carroll: One of the other reasons the voluntary redundancy may not have been taken up is that they were the number of requests that were received. Sometimes people put in a request and then they make a personal decision that they do not want to go through with it. It is not just the department—when the department receives a request they may not go through with it—but also the individual may choose not to go through with it.

Senator McLUCAS: How many of those were there, Ms Carroll?

Ms Carroll: I think we will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Of those employees who applied for a voluntary redundancy, 62 voluntarily withdrew their request from the process. Of these, two have since left the Department.