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Question

Fraud probe

Senator MASON: Thank you. I now move to cross-portfolio issues. I do not always read the Sydney Morning Herald but on 19 September there was an article 'Fraud probe snares top bureaucrats'. It does not relate to DEEWR; it relates to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Have any DEEWR departmental officials been investigated internally for fraud in the past two financial years? Ms Paul: We can give you the statistics on that. Senator MASON: And can you provide the levels of seniority of those departmental employees? Ms Paul: Yes.

Answer

During 2009/10 and 2010/11, there were fifteen internal investigations of departmental employees for fraudulent activity finalised.

The staff were employed in the following classifications:

Classification	Number
Executive Level 2	1
Executive Level 1	7
APS 6	2
APS 5	1
APS 4	3
APS 3	1

In addition, four investigations are ongoing as at 9 November 2011.