

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 27 MAY 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: DHS/CRS Australia staff that have resigned or retired

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Senator: FIFIELD

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD—Since the last estimates, how many DHS staff have resigned or retired?

Mr Pratt—I will defer to my colleagues here.

Ms Cornish—Senator, are you asking about the Department of Human Services?

Senator FIFIELD—Yes.

Ms Cornish—The number of employees that were separated by a redundancy in the 2010 financial year to

31 March is one person.

Senator FIFIELD—Through redundancy?

Ms Cornish—Voluntary redundancy.

Senator FIFIELD—What about retirements and resignations?

Mr Dunn—I do not think we have the data to that level of specificity. We can take that one on notice.

Senator FIFIELD—Could you also take on notice whether those who have left have been replaced.

Mr Dunn—Yes.

Answer:

Since last estimates 140 DHS (including Child Support Program and CRS Australia) staff resigned and 17 staff retired¹. In the same period there were 189 new starters. This consisted of 41 ongoing staff and 148 non-ongoing staff.

¹ Retirement includes age retirement and invalidity retirement. Resignation includes resignation for unspecified reasons, resignation to pursue employment outside the APS, resignation before the end of a non-ongoing employment contract or resignation following maternity leave. It does not include staff that have separated following the end of a non-ongoing employment contract, death, abandoned employment, redundancy, dismissal or transfer to another agency.