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BUDGET ESTIMATES – 27 May 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Senator: FIFIELD

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD – Are you able to advise how many Centrelink staff have left the organisation since the last estimates?

Mr Dunn – We do not have the exact figures. But, as mentioned earlier, our actual staff turnover rate for this financial year is around the 10 per cent mark.

Senator FIFIELD – And they have pretty much all been replaced?

Mr Dunn – Pretty much, I would say. It does balance out across the course of this particular year.

Answer:

Over the period 1 February 2010 to 31 May 2010 there were 978 separations from Centrelink. This comprises 633 ongoing and 345 non ongoing employees.

In the same period there were 1,242 engagements. This includes 285 ongoing employees and 957 non ongoing employees.