

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2008
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Senator Ronaldson asked:

Are you aware of what date Mr Cotterill stopped working at the minister's office and what date his contract formally terminated?

Was Mr Cotterill's employment terminated or did he resign?

If he was terminated, what was the termination of employment payout that the department had to provide? If he resigned, was any termination payment made? If he was terminated, what were the reasons provided for the termination of employment? Was Mr Cotterill the recipient of any extraordinary termination benefits above and beyond those provided under the agreement?

Answer:

Mr Cotterill resigned with effect from close of business 24 October 2008.

In accordance with the provisions of Determination 2007/PM/1 made under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*, Mr Cotterill received payment in lieu of annual leave upon his resignation. No other termination payments were made by the Department.