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Senator Ronaldson asked:

In relation to personal government staff that have commenced and ceased employment since December 2007, what are the associated costs from that turnover including any relocation costs to locate that staff member at their then new home base, initial and subsequent advertising for those positions vacant, relocation expenses for those replacement staff and where applicable the costs associated for seeking top-secret clearances for that now departed government personal staff member?

Answer:

The following costs relate to personal government staff that commenced and ceased employment in the period December 2007 to 21 October 2008, and their subsequent replacements:

- Relocations: \$25,596.98
- Advertising: \$53,946.89*
- Security clearance costs for departed staff members: \$26,429.50

*Note: The Government conducted a single major recruitment campaign for all personal staff positions in December 2007. The cost of that exercise, \$18,600.56, is not included in the above figure.