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Hon Edward O'Donohue MLC
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Parliament of Victoria
Parliament House
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Dear Mr O'Donohue

INQUIRY INTO MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT CHANGES

I refer to the public hearing held by the Legal and Social Issues Committee on 16 March 2016, as part of the Inquiry into Machinery of Government Changes.

In providing evidence to the Committee, I took on notice questions relating to:

- the number of people in the department who were in acting roles as at the date of the organisational review
- the number of people in the department who were in acting roles as at the end of the last calendar year; and
- whether there are still any either acting or unfilled positions

I can advise the committee that at 3 September 2015, the date of implementation of the organisational review, 237 people were in acting roles. By 31 December 2015, this figure was 267.

At 31 March 2016, the most recent data shows the number of people in acting roles has fallen to 215.

Vacancies arise out of usual attrition and movement, and so a number of employees will always be acting in other roles. Of DEDJTR's approximately 3300 positions, 224 positions (6.8%) were vacant and in the process of being filled at 31 March 2016.

Please contact me if the Committee requires any further information regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

Richard Bolt
Secretary

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