

Western Power —

[Supplementary Information No B35.]

Question: Mr F.M. Logan asked: How many separations have been negotiated with staff by Western Power in the past 12 months; what is the aggregate cost of those separation payments, and what are the reasons for the separations; that is, why were the positions abolished?

Answer: During the 2012–13 financial year twenty one staff were made redundant. These positions were made redundant for a combination of reasons including: restructure, the business no longer requiring an employee to carry out work of a particular kind, the functions of a position being separated and performed by other employees or a significant change to an employee’s position.

<i>Aggregate costs of redundancies 2012–13</i>	
Separation payments	\$1,843,547
Payment of accrued leave*	\$553,513
Total cost	\$2,397,060

* Payment of accrued leave includes accrued annual leave, long service leave and purchased leave.

[Supplementary Information No B36.]

Question: Mr B.S. Wyatt asked: What is the cost to Western Power of moving Western Power assets to allow for the development of Elizabeth Quay?

Answer: Western Power has undertaken eight projects to relocate network assets to facilitate the development of Elizabeth Quay. The cost of these asset relocations is approximately \$255,000, which is funded by the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority.

Western Power’s current approved State Budget includes \$15 million in 2014–15 for the provision of electrical infrastructure for the Elizabeth Quay development based on a 2009 estimate for a proposed transmission connection. Following the further design work, Western Power determined that a distribution connection was more appropriate.

Western Power will now install distribution interface assets at an approximate cost of \$8 million. The cost of this work will be recovered through the network charges which arise from the use of the new infrastructure.

[Supplementary Information No B37.]

Question: Mr F.M. Logan asked: Can Western Power provide by way of supplementary information the number of 457 visa employees it has?

Answer: The total number of Western Power employees holding a 457 visas is 142.