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1009. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

Over the last five years, how many Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) officers resigned from public service and were subsequently rehired by those agencies as consultants?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

It is not possible to provide an accurate response to this question. DWER and DBCA currently employ over 3,300 staff, with hundreds of additional historical employees. There may be former employees who trade under other names, business names or are employed by other firms, which are unable to be identified.

For the Members information, a six-monthly *Report on Consultants Engaged by the Government* is tabled in both Houses of Parliament. This report outlines consultants engaged by agencies.