

Number	Member	Portfolio	Question
59732 (2024)	Debbie Ngarewa-Packer	RMA Reform	On what date will the list of Fast-track approvals projects be released?
59727 (2024)	Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall	RMA Reform	What is the total sum, if any, of redundancy payments made to staff at ministries, departments and agencies, if any, for which the Minister is responsible during the period 27 November 2023 - 17 September 2024, by month and agency?
59726 (2024)	Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall	RMA Reform	What is the total sum, if any, of projected future spend on redundancy payments to staff at ministries, departments and agencies, if any, for which the Minister is responsible as at 17 September 2024, by month and agency?

Response	Supplementary information
Information on which projects will be listed in the Bill, will not be released until after Cabinet has made its decision.	The Ministry for the Environment advises that, according to Cabinet Manual guidance, Cabinet papers should be proactively released within 30 days of a decision being made.
I refer the Member to the attached table which shows the total redundancy payments made by the Ministry for the Environment between 27 November 2023 and 17 September 2024, broken down by month. I am advised the Ministry for the Environment has only made voluntary redundancy payments to staff. The Ministry's change process is still ongoing and further redundancy payments will be made as part of this process.	Nil.
I am advised the cost of redundancies at the Ministry for the Environment are still to be finalised but are expected to be close to the provision circa \$8M if average redundancies are \$33.75k per FTE. As the Ministry's change process is still ongoing, a monthly breakdown of future projected spend on redundancy payments has not been finalised.	Your Office may also wish to mention in your response that redunancies are higher at the Ministry for the Environment than originally estimated due to high voluntary redundancy levels.

Month	Number of Employee	Amount paid
November	0	\$ 0
December	0	\$ 0
January	0	\$ 0
February	0	\$ 0
March	0	\$ 0
April	2	\$ 72,625.49
May	6	\$ 201,484.32
June	31	\$ 1,019,688.10
July	38	\$ 1,186,821.19
August	26	\$ 827,617.70
As at 17 September	17	\$ 583,568.44
Grand Total	120	\$ 3,891,805.24