

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**  
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**From:** Mr Gary Higgins

**To:** Hon. Nicole Manison

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**QUESTION**

In the past, we have heard about stations being understaffed and entire shifts being run using staff on overtime. How much was paid in overtime in the past year and how does that compare to previous years?

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**ANSWER**

I have heard that stations are understaffed and being manned on overtime. How much overtime was paid to firefighters last year and how did that compare to previous years?

The answer to that is from 2018–19 to March 2019, was \$2.335m. For the same period 2017–18, was \$4.857m. From 2016–17, \$3.868m. You can see there has been some considerable changes there but that has been driven by the fact that there has been work to ensure that we had the appropriate people trained up to fill positions and have recruits. As we said, we have seen the biggest recruit squad go through last year.