

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

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**To:** Hon Eva Lawler

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### QUESTION

In regards to the pay freeze policy, please provide information on how many executive contract officers in the Department Education have not had their contracts renewed, how many executive contract officers in the Department of Education have had their contracts renewed despite not accepting the pay freeze in 2019, and how many executive contract officers in the Department of Education have had their contracts extended indefinitely on the existing conditions.

### ANSWER

#### **How many executive contract officers in the Department Education have not had their contracts renewed**

As at 20 June 2022, there are 13 executive contract officers who have not renewed their executive contract since 2019, the reasons include retirement and other employment opportunities.

As at 20 June 2022, 2 of the 13 executive contract officers transitioned to a Senior Administrative Officer position.

The department is unable to advise the number of executive contracts not renewed due to the pay freeze policy.

#### **How many executive contract officers in the Department of Education have had their contracts renewed despite not accepting the pay freeze in 2019**

No executive contract officers had their contracts renewed despite not accepting the pay freeze in 2019.

#### **How many executive contract officers in the Department of Education have had their contracts extended indefinitely on the existing conditions.**

No executive contract officer has had their contract extended indefinitely on the existing conditions.

All executive contracts have a specified time period applicable.

**Additional Information - if required**

- As at 20 June 2022, there are 30 executive contract officers in the Department Education.
- Breakdown of the 30 executive contract officers below:

<b>New Contract Det 10 4 years wage freeze</b>	<b>EBA Det 13 (Contract not expired)</b>	<b>New Contract Det 5 3 years wage freeze</b>	<b>Signed Variation of Contract 3 years wage freeze</b>	<b>Total</b>
2	3	21	4	30