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Question on Notice

The Speaker

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Non-executive Legislative Assembly staff

Richard Mulcahy MLA: To ask the Speaker

In relation to: Non-Executive Legislative Assembly staff

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- 3. How many such employees have been rehired by another Member of the Legislative Assembly?
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Richard Mulcahy MLA Date:

SPEAKER

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



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The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) One.
- 2) \$16,736.15, representing 9.83 weeks of salary.
- 3) One.
- 4) 12 weeks.
- 5) The existing provisions governing the making of termination payments to Assembly Members' staff are contained in the ACT Legislative Assembly Members' Staff Union Collective Agreement 2007-2010 include the following relevant provision:

13.4 An employee, who is in receipt of a termination payment under clause 13.1 and who is subsequently re-employed under the LAMS Act, will repay the termination payment received to the extent that the person's re-employment covers the same period of time as the termination payment.

I am advised that such requirements have existed, and been consistently applied, since at least 1999.

Approved/Not approved for circulation to the Member.

Wayne Berry, MLA

Speaker

Date: 28-5:08