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Submission: I am a current employee of a Federal Member of Parliament, employed at the [REDACTED] level. One week ago, my employer received a letter from the Prime Minister informing us that, as of 1 July 2022, our office would no longer have allocations for any [REDACTED] positions. In effect, this abolishes my role. As stated in the letter, this took effect from today. It is the Prime Minister's right under the MOPS Act to determine staff allocations, and the forthcoming takes no issue with his decision. Instead, I feel obliged to point out that the process through which this change, which, as stated, involves the abolition of my role from today, has been deeply unsatisfactory. Since receiving the Prime Minister's letter seven days ago, I have received zero communication of any kind from the Department, from any Commonwealth agencies, or anybody else regarding the conditions of my employment. As it stands, it is past 3pm on the day this decision comes into effect, and I am not sure if my job even technically exists. Naturally, given the circumstances of having my role terminated, I am reluctant to pro-actively engage in discussions with my employer or the Department itself. I don't know who I am supposed to talk to, who I should not talk to, who is even responsible for what decisions. This leaves me in a position of not fully knowing if I will have a job on Monday, what my rights are, what the termination process involves. How hard is it to have some information ready to send to employees whose roles have been terminated? Or some information to send to employees who work in offices where some roles have been terminated? I am frankly flabbergasted at the complete radio silence from Finance on this. This is supposed to be a post-Jenkins world, but it certainly doesn't feel like it.

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