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On 9th February - eight days ago - in announcing staff ceilings to apply at 30th June, I stated that departments and authorities were expected to reach their revised staff ceilings by processes of natural wastage, such as retirements and resignation.

Ministers and the Public Service Board were asked to keep me informed as to any difficulty encountered in achieving the ceilings by 30th June.

I am informed that the National Capital Development Commission has today taken retrenchment action with respect to 21 members of its staff. This is not in accordance with our policy.

However, it may be that the National Capital Development Commission, irrespective of the Government's staff ceiling requirements, considers these people are surplus to establishment.

Therefore I have asked the Minister for the Capital Territory, the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, together with the Public Service Board to have discussions with the National Capital Development Commission and to prepare a report for me.

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