

**Written questions members Island Council for the Executive Council/ Government Commissioners.**  
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Issue : Dismissal surplus cleaners  
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**QUESTIONS:**

1. How many cleaners are currently in government service?
2. Does government intend to terminate some of these cleaners, how many?
3. We would like a breakdown of all cleaners based on age and length of service?
4. We would like to request a similar breakdown based on age and length of service of those cleaners to be dismissed?
5. What is/was the selection criteria for dismissal?
6. Is there e.g. a "first/last out" policy; otherwise "first in/first out?" Or other?
7. How many of the cleaners to be dismissed have minor children at home or abroad?
8. Dismissed cleaners can choose for a 2-year Wachtgeld benefit or a lumpsum payment. Those that choose for wachtgeld, do they continue to qualify for Vacation Pay buildup? Will their pension buildup continue during this period? What other benefits will these persons be entitled to during this 2-year period?
9. Has government considered dismissal based on age so that the 2-year wachtgeld period ends when the person can apply for (early) pension? In this way a financial cliff is avoided.
10. Has government considered minimizing the negative financial impact for these workers who are earning barely above minimum wage?
11. Is it true that former government commissioner Mr. Steegers promised government workers that no one would be dismissed as a result of the reorganization of the government apparatus?
12. Is this dismissal round part of that reorganization Mr. Steegers referred to or is this a separate process?
13. If it is a separate process, can you please explain?
14. Can government give a breakdown of cleaners who left government service in the past two years?

**ANSWERS:**