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Senator Tim Ayres  
Chair  
Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee

By email: [fps.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:fps.sen@aph.gov.au)

Dear Chair

**Inquiry into the current capability of the Australian Public Service**

Please find enclosed the information relating to the staffing profile of the Department of the Senate (the department), requested in your letter of 31 August 2021.

Item 1 of your request was a breakdown of Australian Public Service (APS) employees in the department as at 1 July 2021. The department's employees are engaged under the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*, rather than the *Public Service Act 1999*. However, from time to time the department does have APS employees working in the department on secondment.

For completeness, I have provided a breakdown of Parliamentary Service employees in the department, along with the number of APS employees who were working for the department on secondment from the APS.

Regarding items 2 and 3 of your request:

- there were no labour hire or other contractors working for the department on 1 July 2021
- the department entered into no contracts for labour hire during the period 1 January 2021 – 30 June 2021.

If you require further information, please contact John Begley, Usher of the Black Rod on

Yours sincerely,

Richard Pye  
Clerk of the Senate

## Staffing profile for the Department of the Senate as at 1 July 2021

	Headcount	Average Staffing Level (ASL)	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
Ongoing Parliamentary Service employees	166	160.7	
Non-ongoing Parliamentary Service employees	27	18.1	
APS employees seconded to the department	3		3
Labour hire	nil		-
Other contractors	nil		-