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Senator: Rex Patrick

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Question:

Senator PATRICK: ...I was just looking at a document called: Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 Annual Report 2012-13. It's got some really interesting information in it, and I'm just wondering why the department stopped publishing this particular annual report?

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Senator Cormann: I'll take that on notice.

Answer:

In 2014 the Government decided not to continue publishing the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 (MOP(S) Act) Annual Report, as much of the information formerly published is publicly available elsewhere, such as:

- The allocations of personal staff positions under the MOP(S) Act are tabled by the Department of Finance at each Senate Estimates.
- A description and details of the employment framework under the MOP(S) Act is available on the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services website (<https://maps.finance.gov.au/>). This includes determinations made under the MOP(S) Act and the enterprise agreement showing employee classifications, salary ranges and allowance rates.
- The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority quarterly reporting includes the aggregated employee travel costs of each senator and member and is published here - <https://www.ipea.gov.au/expenditure-reporting>.