

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

a) Senator FIFIELD: As part of the unification were there new name badges?

Ms Campbell: There were.

Senator FIFIELD: How many new name badges were there?

Ms Campbell: Everyone got one.

Senator FIFIELD: They are of no use to anyone else other than the individual.

Ms Campbell: I do not think that we will have that as figures on hand but we can take that on notice.

Senator FIFIELD: And name plates? Do people have name plates for doors and desks?

Ms Campbell: Yes. They were provided with those. We will take that on notice.

b) Senator FIFIELD: How many were redone because of people's payroll names being used rather than their stage names?

Ms Bennett: I will have to take on notice whether we are able to tell that.

Answer:

a) On 1 July 2011, all Department of Human Services staff (37,885) were provided with individually personalised name badges and desk plates.

b) Where recorded on the Department's HR system, preferred names were used. Whilst some had to be redone, the numbers were small (less than 200 or 0.5 per cent).