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**Question:**

Senator WONG: ... I move now to PM&C staff in the PMO, please. Could you tell me how many PM&C staff are currently seconded to the PMO?

Ms E Kelly: Are you meaning employees up there on a transitional basis, other than DLOs, Senator Wong?

Senator WONG: Perhaps we should do it by category, then. As I recollect, apart from DLOs, you have staff on secondment and on leave of absence. Sorry, generally those two go together. How many are in that category?

Ms E Kelly: Senator Wong, I do not have that information to hand. I am not aware of any staff on secondment on a transitional basis. They would be staff that the department was providing to the Prime Minister on a short-term basis.

Senator WONG: Again, who is in the Prime Minister's office is not an unusual thing to be asked at estimates. Can no-one tell me if there are PM&C staff seconded into the PMO at the moment?

Ms E Kelly: I cannot tell you that. I would have to take that on notice.

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Senator WONG: Thank you. If you could do that and then also provide a breakdown by level. I do not need names but please identify the number PM&C staff who are on secondment and on leave of absence by APS classification.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has eight staff in the Prime Minister's Office on secondment or leave without pay. The breakdown by classification is:

PM&C staff on short-term secondment as per the Ministers of State Handbook:

- 1 x EL1; and
- 1 x APS6.

PM&C staff on leave without pay from PM&C to take up a position under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*:

- 1 x SES3;
- 2 x SES1;
- 1 x APS6;
- 1 x APS5; and
- 1 x APS4.