

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Tax White Paper Unit

Senator: Wong

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Question:

Can the Minister or Department, as at 1 May 2015:

1. Confirm that the Government had five additional personal positions compared to 1 February 2015;
2. Confirm that these five additional personal positions were added to the Treasurer's office;
3. Advise whether these five additional personal positions are permanent or temporary;
4. Advise that if they are temporary, when these positions would cease to exist; and
5. Advise that if they are permanent, will other personal staff allocations be adjusted to take this into account?

Answer:

As at 1 May 2015:

1. Yes.
2. The five positions comprise the Tax White Paper Unit which is outside the Government staffing allocation and which reports to the Treasurer.
3. The Department does not hold this information.
4. See 3.
5. Decisions regarding personal staff allocations are made by the Prime Minister.