

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16**

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**Senator:** Dastyari

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**Question:**

**Senator DASTYARI:** Perhaps you could take this question on notice, because it is a bit more relevant. The Prime Minister also made an announcement regarding a special role for Mr Ruddock. I was wondering if there was a staffing allocation associated with that.

**Senator Ronaldson:** I am not aware—

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**Senator DASTYARI:** I understand, Minister Ronaldson, that at the next estimates we will get a new table. Because this announcement was made prior to this estimates hearing happening today, if there is a sudden change in the next week or so, can you take on notice whether there is any allocation that will change this document as a result of the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this week?

**Senator Ronaldson:** We will look and see what we can or cannot provide you with.

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**Senator DASTYARI:** I have a follow-up on something I was asking about earlier, Ms Moy—and perhaps a question for the minister. I am not sure if this is the right place to ask it. I asked a question you have taken on notice: whether there was any staff allocation associated with the new role for Mr Ruddock. Can you also take on notice whether there are any remuneration or other associated benefits? Is it a role that has been given to him by the Prime Minister or is it a formal role—an executive appointment?

**Senator Ronaldson:** We will give you what information we can in relation to it.

**Answer:**

Mr Ruddock has been allocated one Assistant Adviser position from 26 May 2015.