

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

Finance Portfolio
27-28 May 2015

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: 3/3.1

Topic: Extensions to settling out period following ministerial changes

Senator: Gallagher

Question reference number: F66

Type of question: Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 77, 28 May 2015

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 10 July 2015

Number of pages: 1

Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: I have a couple of questions in relation to if there have been any extensions to the settling out period for MoP(S) employees following any ministerial changes or reshuffles since September 2013.

Ms Moy: Since 2013, there have been on a number of occasions and we have reported them at previous estimates.

Senator GALLAGHER: Okay. For my benefit, could you update that?

Ms Moy: There have been a number. I do not think I would remember them all offhand, but as a general rule we could take that on notice.

Answer:

The following extensions to settling out periods for changes to the ministry occurred between September 2013 and 28 May 2015:

- Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos resigned from the Ministry on 19 December 2014:
The termination date for affected staff was extended by the Special Minister of State from the standard two weeks until 30 January 2015.
- Ministerial reshuffle 23 December 2014:
The termination date for affected staff was extended by the Special Minister of State from the standard two weeks until 30 January 2015, except for two staff where the termination date was further extended by the Prime Minister to 13 February 2015.