

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Leyonhjelm

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Question:

For each year from 2014 until the most recent year for which data are available, please provide:

1. Total MOPS Act employee positions and numbers, as well as a disaggregation by classification, type (personal/electorate), party (government/opposition/other) and working hours (full time/part time/casual);
2. MOPS employee salary ranges, the number of instances where salaries beyond those ranges are paid, and employee allowance levels;
3. Total MOPS employee payroll related costs, as well as a disaggregation that includes salaries, allowances and employee superannuation contributions;
4. Total MOPS employee travel related costs, as well as a disaggregation that includes fares and travelling allowance;
5. Total MOPS employee 'other' administrative costs; and
6. Any other related information to provide context as necessary.

Answer:

1. Information on the number, classification and distribution of personal employee positions is generally tabled at each Senate Estimates. Relevant tabled documents can be accessed via the following link:
www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/index
2. The salary ranges and allowances for MOP(S) Act employees are published in the current and previous enterprise agreements and available at www.maps.finance.gov.au. See response to F81 from Budget Estimates 2017-2018 in relation to salaries above the range as at 1 May 2017.
- 3-6. As part of its Administered operations, the Department of Finance facilitates payment of salary and related benefits to staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*. Details of employee expenses, including for Administered operations, are reported each year in the department's annual report. MOP(S) Act employee related costs are not available in the disaggregation requested.