

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee — Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2017

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Budget - change in ASL**

Question: **21**

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Mr Creagh: The increase in staff that we put through this budget is related to the forward estimates of the 2017-18 financial year. The increase was approximately 38 staff related to catering—that is 36 directly related to the function, and two support staff, that being corporate staff. We have also budgeted a net increase in the PSS of 20, and that is in line with the changes that we have been making to the increasing number of the PSS.

Senator WONG: Sorry, increase of—

Mr Creagh: Increasing number of parliamentary security staff. There is also an increase in the changing mix of contractors to ongoing staff as well.

Senator WONG: Are you able to give me on notice what you have just told me with numbers attached? Is that all right?

Mr Creagh: Yes.

Senator WONG: So 'this is how this component is moving'—that would be useful.

Mr Creagh: Would you like that for the appropriation figures as well, or just for the ASL?

Senator WONG: Just the ASL. I understand the appropriation figures, I think, unless there is something I have not understood that you can tell me about.

Mr Creagh: No, no.

Answer

The estimated Average Staffing Level (ASL) for DPS in 2017-18 is 897. The estimated increase of 77 compared to 2016-17 is made up in the following areas:

Catering - Operations	36
Catering - Support	2
Parliamentary Security Service	20
Conversion of Contractors to Ongoing across DPS	19
Total	77