

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Graduate Program

Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

1. Could you provide the details of the assessment process that was undertaken to determine how many graduates were brought across from the former FaHCSIA to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?
 - a. Who was responsible for making the final determination?

Answer:

1. The former FaHCSIA graduate programme stipulates that a graduate's initial rotation will become their home, or substantive placement. As 'staff follow function', any graduate that had a home rotation in the Indigenous Affairs Portfolio was identified to transfer to PM&C with those transferred functions.
 - a. This arrangement was agreed at the Senior Executive Service level between PM&C and transferring agencies.