

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

Finance Portfolio

**Question reference number:** F104

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Topic:** Ministerial office security classifications

**Question:**

1. What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?
2. How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances?
  - a) At what level?
  - b) If not, why not?
3. How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?
  - a) At what level?
  - b) If not, why not

**Answer:**

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	<p>1. Determination 2012/1 made under the MOP(S) Act provides that the employment of staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries is conditional on the employee gaining and maintaining a Negative Vetting Level 2 (NV2) security clearance.</p> <p>Determination 2012/1 is at:  <a href="http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/2012-1_Determination.pdf">http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/2012-1_Determination.pdf</a></p> <p>2. As at 19 November 2013, in the Finance Portfolio there were:            a) Five NV2; three Secret; and two Baseline.            b) Ten clearances are underway with the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency (AGSVA).</p> <p>3. As at 19 November 2013, there were four Departmental Liaison Officers:            a) Secret.            b) N/A</p>
AEC	1 – 3) N/A
ComSuper	1. - 3. N/A.

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	1. N/A 2. N/A 3. N/A
Future Fund Management Agency	N/A