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Senator: Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Mr Abbott has 58 staff. Therefore, comparing apples with apples, Mr Abbott has 58 staff compared with 53 for the Prime Minister as at May 2013.

Ms Moy: If those five are included, that's correct.

Senator WONG: Okay. That would mean this is the largest Prime Minister's office ever, correct?

Ms Moy: I would have to actually go back through the previous records to check that, Senator. In terms of comparison between the two, it would be.

Senator WONG: I might be wrong. My recollection is Mr Howard had 49 or 50 staff, something like that.

Ms Moy: I would actually have to check what Prime Minister Howard had.

Answer:

Information about the staffing allocation of the former Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard OM AC can be found at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/add0708/finance/index

Additional Estimates 2007-08 - February 2008

<i>Department of Finance and Deregulation, 'Government Personal Positions as at 17 October 2007', tabled 19 February 2008.</i>
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