

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

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency: Department of Finance**

**Outcome/Program: 3/3.1**

**Topic: Staffing levels – comparative data**

**Senator: Smith**

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**Question:**

**Senator SMITH:** Just to assist the discussion, I am just wondering whether or not it might be possible to get this table with some comparative data. So, using the template that you currently have, make it available, providing information from the first Rudd government, then information for the Gillard government and then information for the next Rudd government, and include that in this so it might provide for a comprehensive comparison of staffing levels in ministerial offices since 2007.

**Senator FAULKNER:** On a point of order, Chair, it is a perfectly reasonable thing that Senator Smith has asked, but I can assume—and the minister will acknowledge this—that it has been tabled consistently at every budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates round—

**Senator SMITH:** Fantastic.

**Senator FAULKNER:** since Senator Ray and I were able to extract it from the then Howard government. It has been consistently done.

**CHAIR:** You are quite right, Senator Faulkner.

**Senator FAULKNER:** So there is no need. It is said.

**CHAIR:** I am sure the minister was just about to advise that, and that would facilitate this.

**Senator FAULKNER:** In other words, it is there.

**Senator SMITH:** I know what you are saying. Therefore, if the information is available, can we have it put comprehensively into one document so we then do not get a debate about its accuracy.

**CHAIR:** That is very reasonable. Anyway, I am sure the minister will take that on notice.

**Senator Ronaldson:** It seems quite a reasonable request to me.

**Answer:**

At each Senate Estimates Hearing the Department of Finance (Finance) tables documents relating to the positions of *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) employees.

To combine these documents would be a considerable work pressure on the Department.

To assist the committee have ready access to these reports they are provided here by Estimates Hearing date:

### **Additional Estimates 2007-08 - February 2008**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/add0708/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/add0708/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation, 'Government Personal Positions as at 17 October 2007', tabled 19 February 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 488KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, 'Government Personal Positions as at 1 February 2008', tabled 19 February 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 536KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, 'Opposition Numbers [Staff]-Comparison by Classification', tabled 19 February 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 277KB)</a>

### **Budget Estimates 2008-09 - May 2008**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/bud0809/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/bud0809/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation, Government Personal Positions as at 1 May 2008, tabled Wednesday, 28 May 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 321KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, Government staff personal classifications, tabled Wednesday, 28 May 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 48KB)</a>

## Supplementary Budget Estimates 2008-09 - October 2008

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/sup0809/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/sup0809/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation, Government Personal Staff Positions as at 1 October 2008, tabled Tuesday, 21 October 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 524KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, Opposition Personal Staff Positions as at 1 October 2008, tabled Tuesday, 21 October 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 146KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, Whips Personal Staff Positions as at 1 October 2008, tabled Tuesday, 21 October 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 160KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, Former Leader Personal Staff Positions as at 1 October 2008, tabled Tuesday, 21 October 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 107KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, Australian Greens Personal Staff Positions as at 1 October 2008, tabled Tuesday, 21 October 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 104KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, Recognised Party Staff Personal Positions as at 1 October 2008 and Parliamentarians Not Affiliated with a Major Political Party Person Positions at 1 October 2008 tabled Tuesday, 21 October 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 135KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, Former Prime Ministers No Longer in Parliament Personal Staff Positions as at 1 October 2008, tabled Tuesday, 21 October 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 117KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, President and Deputy President of the Senate Personal Staff Positions as at 1 October 2008 and Speaker and Deputy Speakers Personal Positions as at 1 October 2008, tabled Tuesday, 21 October 2008.	<a href="#">(PDF 167KB)</a>

## Additional Estimates 2008-09 – February 2009

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/add0809/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/add0809/finance/index)

Establishment Variances Government since 1 October 2008 to 1 February 2009, tabled at Estimates Hearing by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, 24 February 2009	<a href="#">(PDF 1079KB)</a>
Government Personal Positions as at 1 February 2009, tabled at Estimates Hearing by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, 24 February 2009	<a href="#">(PDF 1301KB)</a>
Personal Classifications, tabled at Estimates Hearing by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, 24 February 2009	<a href="#">(PDF 656KB)</a>

### **Budget Estimates 2009-10 – May 2009**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/bud0910/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/bud0910/finance/index)

Nil reports

### **Supplementary Budget Estimates 2009-10 – October 2009**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/sup0910/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/sup0910/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Establishment Variances for Government</i>	<a href="#">(PDF 1187KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Staffing Establishment (Government Personal Positions) as at 1 October 2009</i>	<a href="#">(PDF 1132KB)*</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>MOP(S) Act Ongoing Employee data</i>	<a href="#">((PDF 407KB)</a>

### **Additional Estimates 2009-10 – February 2010**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/add0910/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/add0910/finance/index)

Establishment Variances of Government Positions – 1 October 2009 to 1 February 2010 – Tabled by the Department of Finance and Deregulation	<a href="#">(PDF 719KB)</a>
Personal Positions and Staff with Personal Classifications, as at 1 February 2010 – Tabled by the Department of Finance and Deregulation	<a href="#">(PDF 3142KB)</a>

### **Budget Estimates 2010-11 – May 2010**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/bud1011/Finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/bud1011/Finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation, <i>Personal Classifications as at 1 May 2010; Establishment Variances Government 1 Feb – 1 May 2010; Government Personal Positions as at 1 May 2010</i> , tabled 27 May 2010.	<a href="#">(PDF 545KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 894KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 3033KB)</a>
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### Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11 – October 2010

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/sup1011/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/sup1011/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Personal Classifications as at 1 October 2010</i>	<a href="#">(PDF 305KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Establishment Variances Government, from 1 May 2010 to October 2010</i>	<a href="#">(PDF 756KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Government Personal Positions as at 1 October 2010</i>	<a href="#">(PDF 2380KB)</a>

### Additional Estimates 2010-11 – February 2011

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/add1011/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/add1011/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation, <i>Establishment Variances Government 1 Oct 2010 to 1 Feb 2011, Government Staff with Personal Classifications as at 1 Feb 2011, Government Personal Positions as at 1 Feb 2011</i> , tabled 22 February 2011	<a href="#">(PDF 213KB)</a>
	<a href="#">(PDF 52KB)</a>
	<a href="#">(PDF 567KB)</a>

### Budget Estimates 2011-12 – May 2011

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/bud1112/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/bud1112/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation, <i>Establishment Variances Government 1 Feb 2011 to 1 May 2011, Parliamentarians' Personal Positions as at 1 May 2011, Parliamentarians' Staff with Personal Classifications as at 1 May 2011</i> , tabled 26 May 2011	<a href="#">(PDF 124KB)</a>
	<a href="#">(PDF 308KB)</a>
	<a href="#">(PDF 62KB)</a>

### Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-12 – October 2011

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/sup1112/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapacte/estimates/sup1112/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Establishment Variances Government 1 May 2011 to 1 October 2011</i>	<a href="#">(PDF 170KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Parliamentarians' Personal Positions as at 1 October 2011</i> ,	<a href="#">(PDF 850KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Parliamentarians' Staff with Personal Classifications as at 1 October 2011</i>	<a href="#">(PDF 48KB)</a>

### **Additional Estimates 2011-12 – February 2012**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/add1112/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/add1112/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Parliamentarians' Staff with Personal Classifications as at 1 February 2012</i> , tabled 14 February 2012	<a href="#">(PDF 445KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Establishment Variances Government 1 October 2011 to 1 February 2012</i> , tabled 14 February 2012	<a href="#">(PDF 897KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation – <i>Parliamentarians' Personal Positions as at 1 February 2012</i> , tabled 14 February 2012	<a href="#">(PDF 2222KB)</a>

### **Budget Estimates 2012-13 – May 2012**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/bud1213/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/bud1213/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation, <i>Staff Personal Classifications – 1 May 2012</i> , tabled 24 May 2012.	<a href="#">(PDF 595KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, <i>Establishment Variances Government – 1 February 2012 to 1 May 2012 (inclusive)</i> , tabled 24 May 2012.	<a href="#">(PDF 620KB)</a>
Department of Finance and Deregulation, <i>Staffing of Members of Parliament – as at 1 May 2012 of Members of Parliament</i> , tabled 24 May 2012.	<a href="#">(PDF 1793KB)</a>

### **Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13 – October 2012**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/sup1213/finance/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fapactte/estimates/sup1213/finance/index)

Department of Finance and Deregulation	Personal Classification – 1 October 2012 Establishment Variances Government – 1 May to 1 October 2012 Government Personal Positions as at 1 October 2012	<a href="#">(PDF 627KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 639KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 1767KB)</a>
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### **Additional Estimates 2012-13 – February 2013**

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Department of Finance and Deregulation	Government Personal Positions as at 1 February 2013 Personal Classifications as at 1 February 2013 Establishment Variances Government 1 October 2012– 1 February 2013	<a href="#">(PDF 1720KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 606KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 525KB)</a>
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### **Budget Estimates 2013-14 – May 2013**

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Department of Finance and Deregulation	30/5/13	Establishment Variances Government 1 February to 1 May 2013 Government Personal Positions as at 1 May 2013 Personal Classifications as at 1 May 2013	<a href="#">(PDF 512KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 1730KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 666KB)</a>
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### **Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14 – November 2013**

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Department of Finance	Establishment Variances – Government 1 May to 1 November 2013 Government Personal Positions as at 1 November 2013 Personal Classifications as at 1 November 2013	<a href="#">(PDF 212KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 1562KB)</a> <a href="#">(PDF 334KB)</a>
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