

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

1) Do any of the Prime Minister's personal staff provide support to Mrs Turnbull in any capacity?

If yes;

2) What are the names of these staff members and what are their job titles?

3) What level/classification are they employed at under the MOPS Enterprise Agreement?

4) Can you please describe his/her duties?

5) Are you able to provide a written job description?

6) Does the staff member only assist Mrs Turnbull with official functions as the Prime Minister's spouse or does he/she also assist with Mrs Turnbull's commercial roles?

7) Is this staff member based in Sydney or Canberra?

8) Is this staff member required to travel with Mrs Turnbull within Australia?

9) What about international travel?

10) Can an itemised list of all travel in the course of supporting Mrs Turnbull please be provided?

Answer:

1) Yes, in line with the long-standing practice of successive governments.

2-10) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold this level of detail about the staff employed in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) under *the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*.