

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 27**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Ministerial office security classifications**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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:**

1. This function is administered by the Department of Finance.
2. This function is administered by the Department of Finance.
3. The Department has 3 DLOs in the Ministerial offices, all have appropriate security clearances.