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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Ministerial Staff

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QUESTION No.: AI-23

For each Minister/Parl Secretary in the portfolio, (a) how many personal staff are employed, (b) how many vacancies exists and (c) what levels are these positions?

How many laptops, mobile phones and PDAs does the Department provide to the personal staff of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary?

How many Departmental Liaison Officers are currently allocated to each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary?

Do any DLOs they provide policy advice?

Are any Departmental officers are on secondment to the office of the Minister/Parl Sec? If so, how many and to whom.

ANSWER

Minister Carr

As at 26 February 2009:

- (a) Nine
- (b) Nil
- (c) 1 x Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff - Cabinet)
 - 1 x Senior Media Adviser
 - 3 x Adviser*
 - 2 x Assistant Adviser
 - 1 x Executive Assistant/Officer Manager
 - 1 x Secretary/Administrative Assistant

*Note: One employee has a personal classification of Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet). The personal classification is attached to the individual employee, not the position.

Minister Emerson

As at 26 February 2009:

- (a) Six
- (b) One
- (c) 1 x Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff - non-Cabinet)
 - 1 x Media Adviser
 - 1 x Adviser
 - 1 x Assistant Adviser
 - 1 x Executive Assistant/Officer Manager
 - 1 x Secretary/Administrative Assistant

The department provides 13 Laptops, 13 PDAs and 11 mobile phones to the personal staff in the Offices of Ministers Carr and Emerson.

There are two Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) allocated to Minister Carr's Office and one DLO allocated to Minister Emerson's Office. The DLOs do not provide policy advice.

There are no Departmental Officers on secondment to the Offices of Minister Carr and Emerson.