

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 1880-1885

Topic: Ministerial Staff (ATO)

Written: 7 March 2014

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1880) How many officers were recruited by the department direct from Ministerial offices during the last parliament, whether on a temporary or ongoing basis?

a) How many former MOPS staff are now still employed in your Department or agency?

1881) How many of these recruits were loaned back to the Minister's offices after becoming staff of the department?

a) For what periods were these arrangements in place?

b) Who bore the costs during each of these 'loan back' arrangements, the department or the Minister's staffing budget?

1882) How many of these staff had worked in the department previously and how many years prior experience did such staff have in the department before being recruited?

1883) How many of your SES are former MoPS staff?

a) Of those, how many worked for the Rudd/Gillard Governments?

b) How many were promoted to SES level in the past 6 years?

1884) How many of the MoPs staff recruited during the past 6 years came to your Department or agency via the following means: Lateral transfer under the public service Act; recruitment in a bulk recruitment round; recruitment for a specific position?

1885) Were any recruited in the 2013 calendar year?

a) If so, on what grounds given the financial tightening beginning across government in that year?

Answer:

1880) The ATO does not record this information.

1881) As above.

1882) As above.

1883) The ATO does not record this information however all SES are required to complete a private interests declaration and it is expected that all conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest are declared.

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b) As above.

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