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TOPIC: Ministerial office security classifications

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: SI-175

- 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. Responsibility of ministerial staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* lies with the Department of Finance.
2. Please refer to question 1.
3. There are two DLO's both with Negative Vetting Level 1 clearance. Arrangements are currently being made to upgrade these clearances to Negative Vetting Level 2.