

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

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DEEWR Question No. EW0952_09

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

Question

Ministerial Staff

For each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary in the portfolio:

- (a) how many personal staff are employed
- (b) how many vacancies exist; and
- (c) what levels are these positions?

Answer

The Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Division of the Department of Finance and Deregulation has advised that as at 25 February 2009 the number and classification of MOP(S) Act employees are as follows:

The Hon Julia Gillard MP

- (a) Eighteen (including two part-time employees)
- (b) Nil
- (c) 1 x Principal Adviser
2 x Senior Adviser 2
1 x Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)
4 x Adviser
4.4 x Assistant Adviser
4 x Executive Assistant/Officer Manager
1 x Secretary/Administrative Assistant

The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP

- (a) Six
- (b) Nil
- (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 Hon Kate Ellis MP

- (a) Seven (including two employees on long-term leave)
- (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

Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens

- (a) Two
- (b) Nil
- (c) 1 x Assistant Adviser
1 x Executive Assistant/Officer Manager