

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Outcome: All
Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E405_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

How many staff were employed in each section of the media section of the Department prior to the last election and what were their salaries?

How many staff are employed in the media section of the Department, what are their salaries and their respective duties?

Answer:

Staff and Salary Ranges.

At the end of the pay period prior to the last election (23/9/04) six staff were employed in the Media Section of the Department. The salary ranges are shown in the table below.

	23-Sep-04	
Level	Number Employees	Salary Range
EL2	1	82,442 - 104,000*
EL1	2	70,839 - 81,000*
APS6	3	55,301 - 61,759
Total	6	

* Notional salary range

Six staff were employed in the Media Section of the Department as at 2 December 2004. The salary ranges are shown in the table below.

	2-Dec-04	
Level	Number Employees	Salary Range
EL2	1	82,442 - 104,000*
EL1	2	70,839 - 81,000*
APS6	2	55,301 - 61,759
APS3	1	40,896 - 43,218
Total	6	

*Notional salary range

Duties.

The Media and Marketing Section of the Communications and Parliamentary Branch, DEST undertake the following:

- develop, implement and manage major communication campaigns;
- in liaison with the Ministers' Media Advisers and relevant business areas within DEST, act as the primary contact point between the media and the Department;
- in conjunction with the relevant business area within the Department, manage the media and public relations aspects of DEST business including the clearance of portfolio media releases, promote portfolio related events such as the Prime Ministers Science Prizes, and monitor and liaise with the media for the Department.