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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

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DEST Question No. E565_07

Senator Wong asked on 1 November 2006, EWRE Hansard page 140.

Question:

Senator WONG—How many temporary placements?

Ms Paul—I will probably have to take that on notice. There have probably been two over the course of the year.

Senator WONG—Approximately how long for?

Ms Paul—A month or two at a time. A recruitment action has been going on.

Ms Pearce—I think there were three people.

Senator WONG—So there have been three, in addition to the two DLOs, over the course of the calendar year. Would that be correct?

Ms Paul—I think so.

Senator WONG—There have been three DEST—

Ms Paul—Over the calendar year.

Senator WONG—There have been three separate DEST staff members—

Ms Pearce—Three separate DEST staff members.

Senator WONG—who have been seconded there for a—

Ms Pearce—Temporary arrangement.

Senator WONG—Can you advise the dates of those periods of secondment? Would you have to take that on notice?

Ms Pearce—I will take that on notice.

Senator WONG—Are you saying it is about a month for each secondment?

Ms Paul—Pending recruitment action in each instance.

Senator WONG—I understand it is pending recruitment action.

Ms Paul—My recollection would be between one and two months in each case, but we can take that on notice.

Answer:

Temporary Placements in the Minister's Office

From 1 January 2006 to 1 November 2006 there have been three separate temporary placements of departmental staff, in addition to the two Departmental Liaison Officers in the Minister's Office. Dates were as follows:

03-02-2006 to 31-03-2006

03-04-2006 to 26-05-2006

31-08-2006 to 25-10-2006