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Senator Wong asked on 1 November 2006, EWRE Hansard page 141.

Question:

Senator WONG—How long have you been in your position, Ms Paul?

Ms Paul—Since 2004.

Ms Pearce—There is provision under the MOP(S) Act for this to occur.

Senator WONG—Yes, I am aware of that. I am just asking how often you have seconded three staff to what are essentially personal political adviser positions.

Ms Paul—I would have to think back over time.

Senator WONG—Have you ever done it before?

Ms Paul—Possibly, within that timeframe, but I would have to take it on notice.

Answer:

Secondment of Staff to the Minister's Office as Advisers

From 26 October 2004 to 1 November 2006, a total of four departmental staff have been temporarily seconded to the Minister's Office as advisers. These temporary appointments were made in accordance with Section 5.1.3 of the *Ministers of State Entitlements* handbook.