

## EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome**      *Cross Portfolio*

#### **DEEWR Question No. EW786\_09**

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

#### **Question**

How many Departmental Liaison Officers are currently allocated to each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary? Can you rule out that they provide policy advice?

#### **Answer**

There are seven Departmental Liaison Officers, as follows:

The office of the Hon Julia Gillard MP	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deputy Prime Minister</li><li>• Minister for Education</li><li>• Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations</li><li>• Minister for Social Inclusion</li></ul>	
The office of the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minister for Employment Participation</li></ul>	
The office of the Hon Kate Ellis MP	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minister for Youth</li></ul>	
The office of the Hon Maxine McKew MP	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Child Care</li></ul>	
The office of Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector</li></ul>	

DLOs do not provide policy advice but rather facilitate liaison between the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries and the department.