

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Outcome** Corporate

**DEEWR Question No. EW812\_10**

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

**Question**

*Staffing*

- (i) How many permanent staff recruited since the budget estimates?
- (ii) What level are these staff?
- (iii) How many temporary positions exist or have been created since budget estimates?
- (iv) Since budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?
- (v) For each Minister/Parl in the portfolio,
  - a. how many staff based in the electorate office;
  - b. mops classification of each staff member based in electorate office;
  - c. duty statement of each staff member in electorate office
  - d. in relation to personal staff based in the electorate office, please list supporting Department for each

**Answer**

- (i)&(ii) DEEWR has recruited 282 ongoing staff since 1 June 2009 via engagement or promotion/transfer from other agencies. The level and number of these staff ranges from APS 1 through to SES Band 2.
- (iii) The department does not record the permanent or temporary status of positions in its establishment.
- (iv) DEEWR has employed 206 non-ongoing employees since 1 June 2009 with average contract duration of 4.38 months.
- (v) The Department of Finance and Deregulation has provided the following information (current as at 1 November 2009).
  - (a)&(b) As a Senator or Member, a Minister is provided with four full-time electorate staff positions to help them carry out their Parliamentary and electorate responsibilities. A Senator or Member may structure his or her electorate office in a variety of ways and more than one employee may be employed in a position, provided that the total standard hours worked per week by the employees sharing a position does not exceed 37 hours and 30 minutes.

Each Senator and Member is also provided with a Relief Staff Budget to meet the cost of engaging additional employees in their electorate office, such as to meet peak workloads and fill short-term vacancies.

Employees may be engaged on an ongoing, non-ongoing or casual basis.

The number and classification of MOP(S) Act employees (ongoing, non-ongoing and casual) based in the electorate offices is as follows:

***The Hon Julia Gillard MP – MOP(S) Act employees in Electorate Office***

<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Classifications</b>
7	Assistant Adviser x 1 (part-time employee)
	Electorate Officer C x 1 (part-time employee)
	Electorate Officer B x 4 (includes 3 part-time employees)
	Electorate Officer A x 1

***The Hon Kate Ellis MP – MOP(S) Act employees in Electorate Office***

<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Classifications</b>
3	Electorate Officer B x 2
	Electorate Officer A x 1

***Senator the Hon Mark Arbib – MOP(S) Act employees in Electorate Office \****

<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Classifications</b>
10	Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff) (Non Cabinet) x 1
	Media Adviser x 1
	Adviser x 2
	Assistant Adviser x 1
	Executive Assistant/Office Manager x 1
	Electorate Officer C x 1
	Electorate Officer B x 2 (includes 1 part-time employee)
	Electorate Officer A x 1

\* Senator Arbib has a combined Ministerial and Electorate Office.

***Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens – MOP(S) Act employees in Electorate Office***

<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Classifications</b>
3	Electorate Officer B x 1
	Electorate Officer A x 2 (part-time employees)

***The Hon Jason Clare MP – MOP(S) Act employees in Electorate Office***

<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Classifications</b>
7	Assistant Adviser x 1
	Executive Assistant/Office Manager x 1
	Electorate Officer B x 4 (includes 1 part-time employee)
	Electorate Officer A x 1

(c) The issue of duty statements is a matter for each employing Senator or Member of Parliament. Neither the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations or the Department of Finance and Deregulation hold or maintain records of duty statements.

(d) Ministerial and Parliamentary Services in the Department of Finance and Deregulation is responsible for the payment of salaries, related expenses, travel costs and travelling allowances, on the same basis that applies to all MOP(S) Act employees.