

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: F30**

**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: Government Whips Staff**

**Hansard page: N/A**

**Written Question on Notice:**

**Senator Mackay asked:**

1. How many personal staff are employed by Government Whips and Government Deputy Whips in the Senate and the House of Representatives?
2. Please provide a breakdown of personal staff employed by Government Whips and Government Deputy Whips by:
  - Number of staff in each office;
  - Classification of each position by office;
  - Salary range of each position;
  - Names of the current incumbents by office and classification; and
  - The nominated homes bases of each incumbent.

**Answer:**

1. As advised to the committee at the hearing on 11 February 2003 (Hansard page F&PA 196) there are eight personal staff positions provided to Government Whips and Government Deputy Whips in the Senate and the House of Representatives, six in the House of Representatives and two in the Senate.
2. Details are provided in the following table:

OFFICE	POSITION	SALARY RANGE (plus PSA*)	HOME BASE OF CURRENT OCCUPANT
Mr Jim Lloyd MP Chief Government Whip	Clerk	\$42,747 – \$53,035 plus PSA \$12,606	Canberra
	Secretary/Admin Assistant	\$30,190 – \$37,114 plus PSA \$7,879 \$38,325 - \$39,544 plus PSA \$12,606	Gosford
Mr Stewart McArthur MP Government Whip	Clerk	\$42,747 – \$53,035 plus PSA \$12,606	Canberra

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Mrs Joanna Gash MP Government Whip	Clerk	\$42,747 – \$53,035 plus PSA \$12,606	Nowra
Senator Jeannie Ferris Government Whip in the Senate	Clerk	\$42,747 – \$53,035 plus PSA \$12,606	Canberra
Mr John Forrest MP Chief National Party Whip	Clerk	\$42,747 – \$53,035 plus PSA \$12,606	Canberra
Mr Paul Neville MP National Party Whip	Clerk	\$42,747 – \$53,035 plus PSA \$12,606	Canberra
Senator Julian McGauran National Party Whip in the Senate	Clerk	\$42,747 – \$53,035 plus PSA \$12,606	Melbourne

\* Parliamentary Staff Allowance (PSA) is payable to personal staff in recognition of the long and irregular hours and other special features of the positions. Overtime is not payable.

It is not the Department's practice to disclose the names of individual staff.