

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM8

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Topic: Secondees at PM&C from 1 January 2000

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Senator Faulkner asked: Provide the number of secondees at PM&C from 1 January 2000 at six-monthly intervals.

Answer:

While we can provide current figures, we do not have historical data. Secondees, who were paid by their own departments as part of membership of taskforces etc, were not recorded on payroll or other central systems. It would be a diversion of scarce resources to attempt to establish the numbers of past secondees. The accuracy of the data could not be guaranteed.