

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

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**Question: F16**

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**Topic: Severance payments to MOP(S) staff**

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**Senator Faulkner asked:**

Are there any statistics on the number of MOPS staff who received the 30 per cent severance loading after the recent election?

Can you limit that to staff under part III of the MOP(S) Act – that is, government and opposition ministerial staff, is it not?

Can you indicate the gross number who have received the severance loading and, if you would not mind, quantify whether it was government, opposition or other staff?

**Answer:**

Records held by the Department indicate that 155 staff employed under Part III of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* received the 30% loading on severance benefits after the 2004 Federal election in accordance with the terms of the *Members of Parliament Staff (Commonwealth) Certified Agreement 2003-2006*.

Of the 155 staff the break down is as follows:

Government	99
Opposition	47
Other staff	9