

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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Topic: Departmental Liaison Officers

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Senator Evans asked: What are current numbers of Departmental Liaison Officers in each Minister's Office, and what is the reason for any changes in those numbers since the last round of Estimates?

Answer: At the last estimates hearing in May 2004 there were 72 Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs). There are now 67 DLOs. The variation reflects the portfolio changes made to the Ministry following the 2004 election and announced by the Prime Minister on 22 October 2004.

The attached table shows the number of DLOs allocated to each Minister's office. The DLO allocated to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister is also the DLO to the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister.

**DEPARTMENTAL LIAISON OFFICERS
as at March 2005**

Cabinet Ministers	Standard allocation	Positions as at 24/01/2005
Mr Abbott	2	2
Mr Anderson	2	2
Mr Andrews	2	2
Senator Campbell	2	2
Senator Coonan	2	2
Mr Costello	2	2
Mr Downer	2	3
Senator Hill	2	2
Mr Howard	2	2
Mr Macfarlane	2	2
Senator Minchin	2	2
Dr Nelson	2	2
Senator Patterson	2	2
Mr Ruddock	2	2
Mr Truss	2	2
Mr Vaile	2	2
Senator Vanstone	2	3
Subtotal	34	36
Non-Cabinet Ministers		
Senator Abetz	1	1
Mrs Bailey	1	1
Ms Bishop	1	1
Mr Brough	1	2
Mr Dutton	1	1
Senator Ellison	1	3
Mr Hardgrave	1	1.5
Mr Hockey	1	3
Mrs Kelly	1	2
Senator Kemp	1	1
Mr Lloyd	1	1
Senator Macdonald	1	1
Mr McGauran	1	1
Subtotal	13	19.5
Parliamentary Secs		
Mr Billson	1	1
Mr Cobb	1	1
Senator Colbeck	1	1
Mr Entsch	1	1
Mr Farmer	1	1
Ms Gambaro	1	1
Mr Hunt	1	1
Ms Ley	1	1
Mr Nairn	1	.5
Mr Pearce	1	1
Mr Pyne	1	1
Dr Stone	1	1
Subtotal	12	11.5
TOTALS	Standard	Actual
	59	67