

Finance and Public Administration Legislative Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Australian Public Service Commission

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Question: PM37

Topic: Level of Indigenous employment in the Australian Public Service

Senator Crossin asked: ...understand a recent report “State of the Service Report 2003–04” on the state of the APS shows a considerable decline in both the absolute number and percentage of Indigenous employees in the APS (from 2.5% in 1995, 2.5% in 2000 and now down to 2.3% in 2004 – the peak was 2.7% in 1998/99). Can we take it these figures are accurate?

Answer: Yes. This is the latest available accurate and verified data on Indigenous employment in the Australian Public Service.