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Dear Mr Sands

Estimates Hearing of 14 February 2006 - Correction to Response

I am writing to you to correct evidence I provided in answer to questions from Senator the Hon Robert Ray during the appearance of the Department of Finance and Administration at the 14 February 2006 hearings of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee.

Senator Ray asked for confirmation that the number of government staff had increased by 25 in the last year. The question appears on Hansard page F&PA 58. In response I stated that the increase was 24.6.

Senator Ray then asked for confirmation that on the basis of this figure, opposition staffing would increase by 5. I responded that this was correct.

In the course of the preparation of subsequent staffing information, it was found that the data upon which Senator Ray's questions and my responses were based was incorrect. I wish to correct my evidence to state that the increase in government staff in the last year was 25.6 and that on this basis opposition staffing would increase by 6.

The incorrect data upon which Senator Ray's questions and my responses was based was included in two tables handed by the Department to the Committee. On Hansard page F&PA 57, Ms Mason advises that tables showing personal employees at 1 February 2006 and establishment variances from 1 October 2005 to 1 February 2006 were provided. Neither of these tables reflected one position of Assistant Adviser allocated to the Minister for Ageing, Senator the Hon Santo Santoro.

I have attached amended tables. I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of Committee.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter, please contact me on 02 6215 23403

Yours sincerely

Greg Miles

Branch Manager

Entitlements Management Branch

Ministerial and Parliamentary Services

21 March 2006

Government Personal Employees as at 1 February 2006

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Government Personal Employees as at 1 February 2006

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Portfolio	Minister	Plus	Minus	Total
PM	Mr Howard			0
Trade	Mr Vaile			0
Treasurer	Mr Costello	1 X Assistant Adviser		1
Foreign Affairs	Mr Downer			0
Finance and Administration	Sen Minchin	1 X Adviser	general and the law and the state of the sta	1
Transport and Regional Services	Mr Truss			0
Health and Ageing	Mr Abbott			0
Attorney-General	Mr Ruddock			0
Communications, Info Tech and Arts	Sen Coonan			0
Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	Sen Vanstone		1 X Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet), 1 X Adviser	-2
Defence	Dr Nelson (Sen Hill)		2 X Adviser	-2
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Employment and Workplace Relations	Mr Andrews			0
Environment and Heritage	Sen Campbell			0
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Mr McGauran	1 X Assistant Adviser		1
Family, Community Services and	Mr Brough	1 X Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet), 1 X EAOM		2
Indigenous Affairs Education, Science and Training	(Sen Patterson) Ms Bishop	1 X Assistant Adviser		1
Justice and Customs	(Dr Nelson) Sen Ellison			0
Arts and Sport	Sen Kemp			0
Human Services	Mr Hockey	1 X Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet)		1
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Local Govt, Territories and Roads	Mr Lloyd Mr Dutton			2
Revenue and Assistant Treasurer	(Mr Brough)	1 X Adviser, 1 X Assistant Adviser 1 X Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet), 1 x Media		4
Community Services	Mr Cobb	Adviser, 1 x Adviser, 1 X Assistant Adviser, 1 X EAOM, 1 X Sec/Admin Asst		memmenskomben
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Minister for Health and Ageing	Mr Pyne			0
Minister for Foreign Affairs	Ms Gambaro (Mr Billson)			0
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Minister for the Environment and Heritage	Mr Hunt			0
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Minister for Education, Science and Training	Mr Farmer			0
Minister for Finance and Administration	Dr Stone			0
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Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources	Mr Baldwin (Mr Entsch)			0
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Minister for Family and Community Services	Ms Ley		1 X Assistant Adviser, 1 X EAOM	-2
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