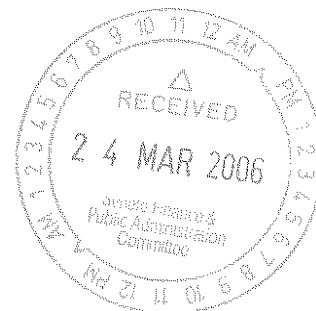




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Mr Alistair Sands  
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Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Sands

### **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.

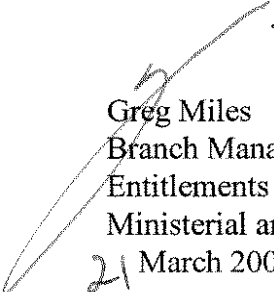
In the course of the preparation of subsequent staffing information, it was found that the data upon which Senator Ray's questions and my responses were based was incorrect. I wish to correct my evidence to state that the increase in government staff in the last year was 25.6 and that on this basis opposition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



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Ministerial and Parliamentary Services

21 March 2006

Government Personal Employees as at 1 February 2006

PORTFOLIO	Name	Principal Adviser	Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff) (Cabinet)	Senior Adviser 2 (PM / Deputy PM / Treasurer)	Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	Senior Adviser (Staff / Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet))	Media Adviser (Deputy PM / Treasurer)	Media Adviser (Cabinet)	Media Adviser	Media Adviser	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Personal Secretary	EQOM	Secretary / Admin Assist	Whips Clerk	TOTAL
PM	Mr Howard	2	-	3	7	-	-	1	-	-	7	7	2	6	5.3	-	40.3
Trade	Mr Valle	1	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	4	5	-	4	1	-	19
Treasurer	Mr Costello	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	3	3	-	2	2	-	15
Foreign Affairs	Mr Downer	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	2	-	1	1	-	11
Finance and Administration	Sen Minchin	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	-	14
Transport and Regional Services	Mr Truss	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	-	1	1	-	11
Health and Ageing	Mr Abbott	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	5	2	-	1	1	-	13
Attorney-General	Mr Ruddock	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	4	2	-	2	1	-	13
Communications, Info Tech & Arts	Sen Coonan	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	2	-	1	1	-	11
Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	Sen Vanstone	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	2	-	2	1	-	12
Defence	Dr Nelson (Sen Hill)	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	1	1	-	12
Industry, Tourism & Resources	Mr Macfarlane	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	3	1	1	1	-	13
Employment and Workplace Relations	Mr Andrews	-	1	-	28	-	-	1	-	-	5	3	-	1	1	-	14.8
Environment and Heritage	Sen Campbell	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	4	1.8	-	2	1	-	12.8
Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	Mr McGauran	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	1	1	-	11
Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Mr Brough (Sen Patterson)	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	4	2	-	2	1	-	14
Education, Science and Training	Ms Bishop (Dr Nelson)	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	1	1	-	12
Justice and Customs	Sen Ellison	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	5	1	-	1	1	-	10
Arts and Sport	Sen Kemp	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	6
Human Services	Mr Hockey	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	3	1	-	1	2	-	11
Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation	Sen Abetz (Sen I Macdonald)	-	-	-	-	1.6	-	-	1	1	3	3	-	1	1	-	10.6
Vocational and Technical Education	Mr Hardgrave	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	-	8
Small Business and Tourism	Ms Bailey	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	3	1	-	1	1	-	8
Local Govt, Territories and Roads	Mr Lloyd	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	3	1	-	1	1	-	8
Revenue and Assistant Treasurer	Mr Dutton (Mr Brough)	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	4	1	-	1	1	-	10
Community Services	Mr Cobb	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	6
Workforce Participation	Dr Stone (Mr Dutton)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	3	1	-	1	1	-	8
Veteran's Affairs	Mr Billson (Mrs Kelly)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	-	7
SMOS	Mr Nairn (Sen Abetz)	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1.6	-	7.6
Ageing	Sen Santoro (Ms Bishop)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	4	1	-	1	1	-	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>358.1</b>	

Government Personal Employees as at 1 February 2006

Parliamentary Secretaries to the Minister for	Name	Principal Adviser	Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff) (Cabinet)	Senior Adviser 2 (PM / Deputy PM / Treasurer CPU)	Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff) / Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet)	Media Adviser (Deputy PM / Treasurer)	Media Adviser (Cabinet)	Media Adviser	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Personal Secretary	EAOM	Secretary / Admin Assist	Whips Clerk	TOTAL
Trade	Mrs Kelly (Sen J Macdonald)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Health and Ageing	Mr Pyne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	5
Foreign Affairs	Mrs Gambaro (Mr Billson)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3
Treasurer	Mr Pearce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3
Environment and Heritage	Mr Hunt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Ms Ley (Sen Colbeck)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Education, Science and Training	Mr Farmer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	3
Finance and Administration	Sen Colbeck (Dr Stone)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3
Defence	Sen J Macdonald (Ms Gambaro)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3
Industry, Tourism & Resources	Mr Baldwin (Mr Eitsch)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	Mr Robb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3
Prime Minister	Mr Turnbull (Mr Nairn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	0	12	0	0	34
Other		Secretary to Cabinet	Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff) (Cabinet)	Senior Adviser 2 (PM / Deputy PM / Treasurer CPU)	Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff) / Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet)	Media Adviser (Deputy PM / Treasurer)	Media Adviser (Cabinet)	Media Adviser	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Personal Secretary	EAOM	Secretary / Admin Assist	Whips Clerk	TOTAL
	GPU	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	7
	GMS	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	1	-	12
	Whips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	8
	Ldr Nats Sen	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	1	-	10
	Fmr Office Holder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	Taskforce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	TOTAL	1	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	9	11	0	1	3	7	39
	Consultant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
	TOTALS	5	14	4	35.8	21.6	2	17	16	123	85.8	4	56	39.9	7	431.2

Opposition Personal Employees as at 1 February 2006

	Chief of Staff	Senior Adviser (Leader)	Senior Adviser	Media Adviser (Senior)	Media Adviser	Adviser Level 2	Adviser Level 1	Assistant Adviser	Clerk	Executive Assistant Level 3	Executive Assistant Level 2	Executive Assistant Level 1	Sec/ Admin Asst 2	Sec/ Admin Asst 1	Total
Leader of the Opposition	1	1	1	2	-	2	2	4	-	-	3	4	-	1	21
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	5
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	6
Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Shadow Ministers	-	-	-	1	-	2	11	11	-	4	7	6	-	5	47
Opposition Whip in the House of Representatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Opposition Whip in the Senate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Former Opposition Office Holder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>86</b>

**Parliamentarians Not Affiliated with a Major Political Party  
Personal Employees as at 1 February 2006**

	Senior Adviser	Adviser Level 2	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant Level 2	Personal Secretary	TOTAL
Senator L Allison	-	-	1	-	-	1
Senator A Bartlett	-	-	2	-	-	2
Senator A Murray	-	-	1	-	-	1
Senator N Stott Despoja	-	-	1	-	-	1
Senator B Brown	-	-	2	-	-	2
Senator C Milne	-	-	1	-	-	1
Senator K Nettle	-	-	1	-	-	1
Senator R Stewart	-	-	1	-	-	1
Mr P Andren MP	-	-	1	-	-	1
Senator S Fielding	-	-	1	-	-	1
Hon R C Katter MP	-	-	1	-	-	1
Mr A Windsor MP	-	-	1	-	-	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

Former Prime Ministers No Longer in Parliament Personal Employees as at 1 February 2006

	Senior Adviser	Adviser Level 2	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant Level 2	Personal Secretary	TOTAL
The Hon E G Whitlam AC QC	-	1	1	1	-	3
The Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser AC CH	-	1	1	1	-	3
The Hon R J L Hawke AC	-	1	1	1	-	3
The Hon P J Keating	-	1	1	1	-	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>

President and Deputy President of the Senate Personal Employees as at 1 February 2006

	Senior Adviser	Adviser Level 2	Adviser Level 1	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant Level 3	Executive Assistant Level 2	Executive Assistant Level 1	Sec/ Admin Asst 2	Sec/ Admin Asst 1	Total
President of the Senate	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	5
Deputy President of the Senate				1						1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>



**Establishment Variances Government  
1 October 2005 to 1 February 2006**

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		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
Industry, Tourism & Resources	Mr Macfarlane			0
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 Indigenous Affairs	Mr Brough (Sen Patterson)	1 X Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet), 1 X EAOM		2
Education, Science and Training	Ms Bishop (Dr Nelson)	1 X Assistant Adviser		1
Justice and Customs	Sen Ellison			0
Arts and Sport	Sen Kemp			0
Human Services	Mr Hockey	1 X Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet)		1
Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation	Sen Abetz (Sen I Macdonald)	.6 X Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet), 1 X Adviser, 2 X Assistant Adviser		3.6
Vocational and Technical Education	Mr Hardgrave			0
Small Business and Tourism	Mrs Bailey			0
Local Govt, Territories and Roads	Mr Lloyd			0
Revenue and Assistant Treasurer	Mr Dutton (Mr Brough)	1 X Adviser, 1 X Assistant Adviser		2
Community Services	Mr Cobb	1 X Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet), 1 x Media Adviser, 1 x Adviser, 1 X Assistant Adviser, 1 X EAOM, 1 X Sec/Admin Asst		6
Workforce Participation	Dr Stone (Mr Dutton)			0
Veteran's Affairs	Mr Billson (Mrs Kelly)			0
SMOS	Mr Nairn (Sen Abetz)		2 X Assistant Adviser	-2
Ageing	Sen Santoro (Ms Bishop)	1 X Assistant Adviser		1
Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs	(Mr Cobb)		1 X Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet), 1 x Media Adviser, 1 x Adviser, 1 X Assistant Adviser, 1 X EAOM, 1 X Sec/Admin Asst	-6

**Establishment Variances Government  
1 October 2005 to 1 February 2006**

Parliamentary Secretaries to the		Plus	Minus	
Minister for Trade	Mrs Kelly (Sen J Macdonald)			0
Minister for Health and Ageing	Mr Pyne			0
Minister for Foreign Affairs	Ms Gambaro (Mr Billson)			0
Treasurer	Mr Pearce			0
Minister for the Environment and Heritage	Mr Hunt			0
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	Ms Ley (Sen Colbeck)		1 X Adviser	-1
Minister for Education, Science and Training	Mr Farmer			0
Minister for Finance and Administration	Dr Stone			0
Minister for Defence	Sen J Macdonald (Ms Gambaro)		1 X Assistant Adviser	-1
Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources	Mr Baldwin (Mr Entsch)			0
Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	Robb	1 X Adviser, 1 X Assistant Adviser, 1 X EAOM		3
Prime Minister	Mr Turnbull (Mr Nairn)	1 X Adviser		1
Minister for Family and Community Services	Ms Ley		1 X Assistant Adviser, 1 X EAOM	-2
<b>Other</b>				
Cabinet Policy Unit				0
Government Members Secretariat		1 X Assistant Adviser		1
Whips				0
Leader of the The Nationals in the Senate				0
Former Office Holder				0
Taskforce				0
Difference Oct 05 (422.6) to Jan 06 (431.2) = 8.6		24.6	16	8.6

Summary	Plus	Minus	
Principal Adviser			0
Senior Adviser Chief of Staff)(Cabinet)			0
Senior Adviser 2 (PM / Deputy PM / Treasurer)			0
Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	1	1	0
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff) / Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet)	2.6	1	1.6
Media Adviser (Deputy PM / Treasurer)			0
Media Adviser (Cabinet)			0
Media Adviser	1	1	0
Adviser	6	5	1
Assistant Adviser	10	5	5
Personal Secretary			0
Executive Assistant / Office Manager	3	2	1
Secretary/Admin Assistant	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8.6</b>