

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Additional Budget Estimates Hearings – 14 February 2006

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Topic: Staffing for the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate

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Senator Ray and Senator Faulkner asked:

The Leader of the National party in the senate – 10 staff. When did this start? It used to be four or five, or three at one stage. How did it get up to 10? When did this occur?

Answer:

The Prime Minister determines the allocation of staff to Ministers and Office Holders in accordance with the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*.

The Prime Minister allocated an additional seven positions to Senator the Hon Ron Boswell, as Leader of The Nationals in the Senate, on 7 July 2005.