

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:

I would now like you to take on notice what the total staff costs are for the staff of Senator Boswell. I am asking for the global staff costs. If you want to take a specific day at that salary level, I would like to know what it would cost per annum to have a staff salary rise. Is that doable? Could you also take on notice the home base?

Answer:

As at 1 February 2006 eight of the ten allocated positions were occupied. The total annual staff cost for the eight occupied positions as at 1 February 2006 was \$662,913*. Five staff were Canberra based and three staff were Brisbane based.

* This amount includes salary and allowances (Ministerial Staff Allowance or Parliamentary Staff Allowance and Allowance in lieu of a Private Plated Vehicle) but does not include any other employee on-costs (e.g. superannuation).