

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

Question: F26

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Topic: Staffing for Senator the Hon Eric Abetz

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Senator Colbeck, do we have any idea why Senator Abetz has 3.6 more ministerial staff for the same area of ministerial responsibility? Where are the extra 3.6 based?

Answer:

The Prime Minister determines the allocation of Ministerial Staff in accordance with the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*. The 3.6 positions allocated to Senator the Hon Eric Abetz in his capacity as Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation by the Prime Minister are as follows:

| Position | Home Base |
|-----------------------|---|
| 0.6 x Senior Adviser | Hobart |
| 1 x Adviser | Canberra |
| 2 x Assistant Adviser | Hobart, 1 x Vacant position as at 1 February 2006 |