

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Question: F27

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Topic: Staffing for Senator the Hon Eric Abetz

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Senator Faulkner asked:

So we do not know the reason. Senator Colbeck, is that the case?

Answer:

The Prime Minister determined the allocation of staffing positions to both Senator the Hon. Ian Macdonald and Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz in their capacity as Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation under the provisions of the *Member of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*.