

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Human Services and agencies

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SENATOR MOORE asked on 14/2/2006:

Senator MOORE – I am going to ask a question on notice straight away, a very straightforward one that you would be expecting. It is on the filling of the positions and the current establishment. One of the responses which was timely and accurate showed your current establishment, the number of positions you have and your plan to have those positions filled by June of this year. There were considerable areas where you were hoping to recruit between now and then, and I would like the same model between what you have now and June this year to see how many jobs have been filled in the last cycle.

Mr Leeper – The answer, Senator, will be: quite a few. There are not many vacancies that we have yet to fill.

Senator MOORE – In the answer it is 30. There is a box where you have it and, if I can just have that updated, that would be good.

Answer:

The Department of Human Services comprises the core department, the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia. The following information is provided in relation to the core department. The following table reports the current planned establishment range for the core department as at 1 July 2006.

Classification	Level	Forecast No. of staff as at 30 June 05	Actual staff as at 30 January 2006	Forecast No. of staff as at 30 June 2006
Secretary		1	1	1
Deputy Secretary	SES B3	1	2	2
First Assistant Secretary	SES B2	3	2	3
Assistant Secretary	SES B1	6	10	12
Executive Officer	Level 2	18	25	38
	Level 1	12	19	27
APS	Level 6	6	6	9
	Level 5	2	3	4
	Level 4	4	8	11
	Level 2	1		
Total		54	76	107

This answer required 1 hour at a cost of \$40 to prepare.