

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Additional Estimates Hearings 2007, 12 February 2007

Question: PM11

Outcome 1

Topic: Staffing – Personal Classifications

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Senator Ray asked:

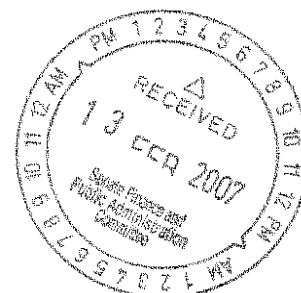
Senator ROBERT RAY – I asked a question last time, question on notice PM11, about how many of the Prime Minister's staff have personal classifications that place them at a higher salary level. The answer given was five. Would that approximately equate to the same sort of ratio that applies to other ministers' offices, or even the Leader of the Opposition's office, or is it a little higher?

Answer: The Department of Finance and Administration advises that information about the number of government staff with personal classifications was tabled at hearings of the Committee on 13 February 2007.

PERSONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

As at 1 January 2007 the 40 **Government** staff with personal classifications (including 14 Special Advisers were located in the following offices).

OFFICE HOLDER	NUMBER OF STAFF	VARIANCE FROM 1 OCTOBER 2006
Prime Minister	4	-2
Deputy Prime Minister	1	No change
Treasurer	4	+2
Minister for Finance and Administration	1	+1
Minister for Health and Ageing	2	No change
Attorney-General	1	No change
Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	1	-1
Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources	2	+1
Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations	1	No change
Minister for the Environment and Heritage	2	-1
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0	-1
Minister for Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0	-1
Minister for Justice and Customs	5	+1
Minister for the Arts and Sport	1	No change
Minister for Human Services	1	No change
Minister for Vocational and Technical Education	1	No change
Minister for Small Business and Tourism	1	-1
Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads	1	No change
Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer	0	No change
Minister for Veterans' Affairs	1	+1
Special Minister of State	1	No change
Minister for Ageing	4	No change
Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Regional Services	1	+1
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence	1	No change
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Science and Training	0	No change
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	1	No change
Chief Government Whip	1	No change
Government Members Secretariat	1	No change



The personal classifications are at the following levels (number of staff):

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF STAFF	VARIANCE FROM 1 OCTOBER 2006
Senior Adviser (Cabinet)	2	-1
Senior Adviser (Non-Cabinet)	0	No change
Special Adviser	14	+1
Media Adviser (Cabinet)	1	No change
Adviser	14	-3
Assistant Adviser	9	+2

3 of these staff are paid at a lower classification level than the position against which they are held and 37 are paid at a higher classification level.

As at 1 January 2007 the five **non-Government** staff with personal classifications were located in the following offices.

OFFICE HOLDER	NUMBER OF STAFF	VARIANCE FROM 1 OCTOBER 2006
Leader of the Opposition	1	-2
Former Leader of the Opposition	1	No change
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate	0	-1
Shadow Minister for Housing, Urban Development and Local Government and Territories	0	-1
Opposition Senate Whip	1	No change
Shadow Assistant Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Small Business and Competition	0	-1
Senator for Queensland	1	No change
Senator for Victoria	1	No change

The personal classifications are at the following levels (number of staff):

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF STAFF	VARIANCE FROM 1 MAY 2006
Media Adviser	1	No change
Adviser Level 1	2	-2
Assistant Adviser	1	-2
Executive Assistant Level 3	1	No change
Executive Assistant Level 1	0	-1

All of these staff are paid at a higher classification level.