## Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

## ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008



Question: F72

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Topic: Determinations made under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984

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### Senator Ronaldson asked:

Briefly, what determinations have been made under the MOP(S) Act since the election?...

#### Answer:

The determinations that have been made under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act* 1984 (MOP(S) Act) since November 2007 are as follows:

Determination	Effect
DETERMINATION 2007/PM/1  Terms and Conditions of Employment for Employees Above The Level Of Adviser	Determines under subsection 14(3) of the MOP(S) Act the terms and conditions of employment, including salaries, of employees under Part III of the MOP(S) Act at classifications above the level of Adviser.
Date of Effect: 9 December 2007	
DIRECTION 2007/PM/1  Direction to Defer Termination of Employment  Date of Effect: 17 December 2007	Directs under subsection 16(5) of the MOP(S) Act that the employment of the employees of the former Opposition Office Holders is deemed to continue, or to have continued, until 14 January 2008.
DIRECTION 2007/Part III/41  Direction to Defer Termination of Employment  Date of Effect: 7 January 2008	Directs under subsection 16(5) of the MOP(S) Act that the employment of the electorate employees of the Hon Fran Bailey MP is deemed to continue, or to have continued, until the day of the declaration of the poll for the electorate of McEwen in the Federal election.

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DETERMINATIONS 2007/Part III/44(i) to (xxvi)  Determinations Regarding the Employment of Staff Under Part III  Revocations of Determinations Regarding the Employment of Staff Under Part III  Date of Effect: 7 January 2008	Provides a separate determination under section 12 of the MOP(S) Act for each Shadow Minister (as named in the Determination), empowering them to employ staff under Part III of the MOP(S) Act with effect from and including 10 December 2007, in positions allocated under the MOP(S) Act.  Also revokes the Determination identified for a Shadow Minister at the moment that the Senator or Member ceases to hold their Shadow Ministry.
DETERMINATIONS 2008/Part III/45(i) to (xi)  Determinations Regarding the Employment of Staff Under Part III  Revocations of Determinations Regarding the Employment of Staff Under Part III  Date of Effect: 21 February 2008	Provides a separate determination under section 12 of the MOP(S) Act for Government Whips, Deputy Government Whips, Chief Opposition Whip, Opposition Whip, Deputy Opposition Whip, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Second Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives and Shadow Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (as named in the Determination), empowering them to employ staff under Part III of the MOP(S) Act, in positions allocated under the MOP(S) Act.  Also revokes the Determination identified for each Senator or Member at the moment that they cease to hold the position as listed in the Determination.
DETERMINATION 2008/Part III/2  Determinations Regarding the Employment of Staff Under Part III  Date of Effect: 10 March 2008	Determines under section 12 of the MOP(S) Act that the Hon Alexander Downer MP is empowered to employ staff with effect from and including 14 February 2008, in positions allocated under section 13 of the Act.