

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Additional Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2009

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Topic: Staffing in the Office of the Hon Peter Garrett MP

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Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Please provide the names, salaries, titles and responsibilities of all staff in Minister Garrett's office.
2. Please indicate what their salaries were in October 2007 (or when they started).
3. Please indicate what their salaries are now.
4. Please identify which staff have government cars as part of their package.
5. What model vehicles do they drive?
6. What is the cost of the vehicle packages?
7. Which staff are entitled to fly business class?
8. What is the home base for each of the staff?
9. If they are not located in Sydney or Canberra, what is the reason?

Answer:

1. Classifications and salary ranges are provided so as not to identify personal information of individual employees. As at 25 February 2009:

Number of Employees per Classification	Salary Range
1 x Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	\$100,900 to \$136,100
1 x Senior Media Adviser	\$85,500 to \$116,400
3 x Adviser	\$77,869 to \$114,916
2 x Assistant Adviser	\$64,920 to \$77,869
1 x Executive Assistant / Officer Manager	\$52,580 to \$64,920
1 x Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$41,419 to \$54,253

Note: Excludes Electorate Employees

The Department of Finance and Deregulation is not aware of the designated titles that may be used in individual offices or the responsibilities of individual employees.

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2. Classification February 2009	As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister	Classification: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister	Salary Range: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	December 2007	Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	\$100,900 to \$136,100
Senior Media Adviser	March 2008	Senior Media Adviser	\$85,500 to \$116,400
Adviser	October 2007	Executive Assistant 2	\$50,974 to \$52,281
Adviser	February 2008	Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967
Adviser	March 2008	Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967
Assistant Adviser	October 2007	Electorate Officer B	\$49,681 to \$56,948
Assistant Adviser	October 2007	Electorate Officer B	\$49,681 to \$56,948
Executive Assistant / Officer Manager	February 2008	Executive Assistant / Officer Manager	\$50,316 to \$62,124
Secretary / Administrative Assistant	February 2008	Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$39,635 to \$51,917

Note: Excludes Electorate Employees

3. As per question 1.
4. Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet).
5. Ford Falcon G6E Sedan.
6. Monthly lease rate excluding GST of \$867.80. General maintenance such as car services is included in the monthly lease rate. The monthly lease rate does not include fuel costs.
7. Employees above the classification of Adviser are entitled to travel at business class.

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8.

Classification	Home Base
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	1 x Canberra
Senior Media Adviser	1 x Canberra
Adviser	2 x Canberra 1 x Sydney
Assistant Adviser	2 x Sydney
Executive Assistant / Officer Manager	1 x Canberra
Secretary / Administrative Assistant	1 x Canberra

Note: Excludes Electorate Employees

9. N/A.