

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

*Additional Estimates 23-27 February 2009*

**Question: PM10**

**Topic: Positions vacant as at 23 February 2009**

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**Mr Mrdak-Yes. We have recently advertised. Mr Lewis, the National Security Adviser, briefly outlined to the committee that there are a number of recruitment processes now underway for the national security group. In the light of the government's national security statement last year and the additional resourcing being provided, we also have recruitment action taking place across the department in a number of key areas. We have recently advertised, for instance, for the head of our corporate division, which became vacant recently. So we have a number of senior executive and general recruitment processes open.**

**Senator TROOD-Perhaps you can let me know on notice how many positions are open as of today's date.**

**Answer:** As at 23 February 2009 the Department had 10 SES and 14 Non-SES recruitment processes in progress. Some of the recruitment processes are bulk recruitment rounds which may be used to fill a number of positions. The majority of SES processes are as a result of the implementation of the recently announced national security arrangements.