

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM24

Topic: Part-time staff working hours

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Senator Boyce asked: -And the other question I had was the average number of hours that part-time staff have agreed to work. There have been a number of concerns about the workload on people in PM&C and I just want to be very sure that part-time work is not being used as some sort of a cover for people being paid for less than they are actually doing.

Mr Mrdak-Certainly, I can assure you on that-that would not be the case. I will take on notice the actual hours that people have put in place for part-time work. I do not see that that is a situation in most cases. We do try and flexibly allow people to work part-time wherever possible.

Answer: Refer to the response to PM23.