

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2010

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Increase in Security numbers in 2007–08

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Senator FERGUSON—I understand all that rationale, but it still does not explain the decision to increase the numbers of staff. I would like you to go back and see whether there is any record of the decision that was made to increase staff in 2007-08, because I certainly do not remember it.

Answer

1 The number of management and administrative staff in the security section increased by three in 2007.

2 Security staff numbers increased in 2006 as a result of Security Point One opening on a 24/7 basis and changes to screening arrangements at the public entrance. These changes equated to an increase of seven additional security staff.

3 Changes to rostering arrangements for part-time staff on sitting days in 2006 also resulted in an increase in staff numbers. This equated to a further seven additional security staff.